

Notes on the back story of this letter:

I had subscribed earlier to the *HP Users' Library Europe* but once it expired I failed to renew my subscription and *HP Europe* promptly sent me a letter (which regrettably seems to be lost) asking me for the reasons I had not to renew.

The present letter is my reply to them, where I also took the opportunity to ask about some questions I had on how to correctly fill up the *Program Submittal* forms necessary to send my programs for inclusion in the *Library*, as well as on some problems I had experienced when trying to send payments, offering a novel alternative for the latter.

Pretty trivial now, but a real problem for the young me at the time (1978 !)

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Mr. Gérald Combes
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User's Club Europe

Madrid, July 31 1978

Dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from you asking for the reasons I had to not renew my subscription to the HP User's Li-brary. As it would be seen from my answer, I did not received your renewal form, so please send me another one.

However, I think this is a good oportunity to ask you some questions that do worry me, and I wander if you will be so kind of sending me a letter with the answers. I will explain:

I have read carefully both every Catalogues's Update and HP Key Notes that you send, and simply can't understand how many programs are commented like this : "... after 29 pages of documentation..." (program 00369D), etc. What seems odd to me is that if it is true that you don't accept anything but original submittal forms, how could the author send 29 pages ? I only have 5 or 6 submittal forms, and know no way of getting 29 or more, and this is the principal reason that prevent me from sending programs to the UL, although I have no less than 80 programs, many of them unavailable in the UL, but that will not fit in a single submittal form, nor will do in two if I tried to explain how they perform. For instance, the chess programs could not be explained in less then 3 or 4 pages, and even programs published by yours as the "Space War" program (Games Pack I, that I own), will very hardly fit in 4 submittal forms if you try to give an example. So please, will you tell me how the other programmers managed to solve this problem ?

Last question I dare to ask you is that of ordering programs or sending any money by any concept to you. I am a Spanish resident and I have found many troubles in everything that concerns a payment to you, because my local Bank is, as it seems, incapable of making a bank transfer to any foreign bank due to currency regulations, so I wander if you can explain to me all the practicable ways I have (as a Spanish resident) of sending money to you. My first subscription fee to UL was paid by a friend, but I don't know how he managed to perform the payment, and I am unaware of contacting with him by now. Also I will suggest a possible way of sending the money: I can easily make the payment in U.S. dollars and send the money (not a cheque, but in cash) together with the program order or renewal form, by certified mail.

Well, I have nothing more to ask by now, but to thank you for your kindness and apologize myself for my very poor English. Hoping to hear from you:

Yours sincerely: