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Ian,

Hi from lovely Rochester, where it's been raining for days. The main reason I'm writing is because a little while ago I wrote DOVE for some demo tapes. Pete (drums) sent me a tape but suggested I try you, too. He said there was a DOVE session that was to be a Dischord release, but sort of fell through. Is there any chance you could dub me this if I sent you a tape? Also, I've been searching for DOUBLE O tapes. Pete asked Eric, the old singer, but he didn't have any and suggested you as being the man to ask for DOUBLE O demos. Is it possible to get me this, too? The last (yes, really) thing I'm looking for is stuff by REPTILE HOUSE. If there's any chance you could dub me all this stuff, please drop me a line. I can send a tape and enough return postage. Ok? Thanks a lot.

I heard the EMBRACE demos are finally going to be released on vinyl. That's great, because I loved EMBRACE. A friend gave me a copy of the tape as a birthday gift

last February. (New pen) Everyone I've ever played the tape for has loved it. I'm confident that the LP will be well-received. "Past" and "Do Not Consider Yourself Free" mean a lot to me. In fact, my senior quote in the yearbook was "...so you can stay cool behind your window and choose the view you want to see but as long as there are others held captive, do not consider yourself free." I think you've grown a lot as a lyricist. MINOR THREAT lyrics were good and all, but the EMBRACE and EGG HUNT stuff are much better (wiser) in my opinion. I guess we're all still growing.

I haven't heard much about the new band you are currently playing in. I'd like to hear it, but if no tape is available yet, is it possible for me to read some lyrics? The words mean a lot to me. IGNITION has good lyrics. "Rebuilding" is an important piece. Tell them that they matter for me, please. Good luck with any and all projects.

I've gone on a great deal now without telling you a bit about me. I'm a first year student at the University of Rochester, and I work at a library. (yes really) Right now my favorite band is ARTICLES OF FAITH. Um, I play guitar (7 years) and I've been in

4 bands. The current band is HUNGER ARTIST. We're a 5-piece band (2 guitars). Our sound is close to MARGINAL MAN or THE FREEZE or MINOR THREAT (when you had 2 guitars, I mean.) We just recorded an 11-song, 30 minute demo tape. I'd send you a copy but I have no \$ (ah, the truth comes out!) It's \$3.00 if you're interested. We'll be in MRR soon too, I think. I'm sorry I'm going on at great length like this but this is being written at 4 AM in my dorm room. I'm having a tough time dealing with college life. I'm not some straight edge dude, but I don't use at all... and I'm fairly sure I'm the only one here who doesn't. It grates on one's sanity at times. But I've got lots of friends in the program (A.A.) who give me advice. Things always get better in time. Thanks for reading this far. Take care.

Peace and Understanding,
Michael Honch

P.S. My friend Timojhan (yes that's his real name) is starting a fanzine. I already wrote Guy Picciotto and asked him for an interview. Do you have a poem or a drawing you'd like to contribute? Thanks!

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