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Greetings!

And Happy New Year to all of you. Before I go on I want to thank all of you that have sent me Seasons Greetings and Cards!

As most of you know by now the new Who album is out - "The Who Sell Out". Here is an article from the Dec. 22nd issue of "Go" on the L.P. to give those of you who haven't heard it a bit of a review:

"The Who definitely will sell out - this album is going to be a smash. First of all it is important to point out that this album is a mixed media effort. Which means if you don't read the album cover you might not understand some of the references in the songs. The situation is not terribly complicated, however, and makes the listening all that more fun.

One side of the album is pretty straight Who material including such modern epics as "Spotted Henry" and "I Can't Reach You".

The other side is the more interesting one as the group show their prowess at the days of the week for openers. The album becomes a landslide of goodies through one of their more brilliant pieces of material, "Mary Anne With The Shaky Hands", and then a "Smooth Sailing" spot for Radio London (R.I.P.) becomes a show stopper. The Who do not evidently sing "Smooth Sailing", but their sentimental brilliance is beyond reproach for including it.

The bands continue with "I Can See For Miles" and then some very tastefully Townshend touches (his fingers never leave his hands, folks) on the beautiful "Our Love Was, Is". An album that is not to be missed."

Make sure you get it if you haven't already. And let me know what you think of it, if you get a minute to write or call (if you're in the Chicagoland area, that is)!

"I Can See For Miles" really is the biggest the Who have had so far in the States. Reaching top ten in most cities, and in some places up to number ONE. Got as high as eight in "Billboard"!

Our Chicago branch of the Who Fan Club will be a year old in March. Thanks to you, it's been a great year, and with your support '68 will prove even bigger. We still, though, are in a great deal of financial difficulty and I just hope something comes up soon, so we won't have to fold up. I want to thank all of you who have sent in labels and boxtops. Please, keep 'em coming for a while yet, if you can. And thanks to you who have helped out with stamps, etc.

As far as things available for sale, they're the same as those listed in the last newsletter. Many of you have asked for words to the other Who records, and I hope to have more available soon.

One more thing is make sure you get the magazines that are printing articles and pics on the Who. "Hit Parade" is one which has the Who featured in almost every issue. So, go out and buy it!

Again, please send me a self-addressed stamped reply envelope if you write to me and would like a reply, o.k.? Thanks!

Bye for now and have a WHOfully good year!!!

Love you,
Linda