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Twin Galaxies  
Bill Mitchell  
Darren Olsen  
Lee Whitney  
James Marino  
Ben Gold  
Matt Brass  
Antonio Medina  
Pete Corpeny  
Mike Leposky  
Leo Daniels  
Eric Ginner  
Todd Walker

Dear friends,

To some of you, this letter will be rather shocking news, to some it will simply be a re-confirmation of what you already know. But please allow me to start at the beginning.

In February of 1982 I decided to endeavor to write a book on Pac-Man and hopefully cash in on the same money that Ken Uston was making. So I contacted Bantam Books about doing such a project. Although my high score was 2,884,340 I decided to try to impress them even more by telling them that my high was 4,500,000. As it turned out we decided to do a Donkey Kong book anyway.

It was Bantam that informed me about Twin Galaxies and about one month later I placed my first call to Ottumwa, Iowa. Trying to maintain consistency with my lies, I reported a high score of 4,500,000 and a Donkey Kong high of 295,000 (which was true). Well in June I finally got 863,500 on level 22, however I did it with 7 men on an easy chip machine. Shortly thereafter Terry Batson (of Lightyears) called in a score of 912,000. Walter told me that I had to beat that score to be on the Twin Galaxies Scoreboard poster. After trying and trying I just couldn't beat that score, so I decided to lie about about it. So I told Walter that I scored 1,400,000.

To make a long story short, my real high scores on those two games are 2,884,340 (I never have tried to beat that, but I'm confident that I could), and 550,000 on the hard chip with 4 men. Incidentally, my Ms. Pac-Man high is only 175,630. However, I am getting better since I do own my own machine.

I am very sorry and very ashamed of this whole ordeal. I have hurt Walter, Bill, and Darren by my lies and I hope that you all will find it in your hearts to forgive me. The rest of my scores are all true. In the future, I am going to make a point to be totally honest, and I plan to make all of my world record scores at Twin Galaxies in front of one of you.

Incidentally, since Terry Batson got his 912,000 with seven men (Leo told me so), Bill Mitchell is by far the best Donkey Kong player in the land with a score of 886,000.

My sincerest apologies to you all,