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NORFOLK, Va. —(AP)— Norfolk's resident Evil Eye Fleagle, Ted Owens, has zoned the world champion Baltimore Colts and wants a \$100,000 check to remove the hex and keep them on the pro football pedestal.

Owens, who claims mind-over-matter psychic powers, wrote the Colts Feb. 2 warning that "I intend to attack the world champions of pro football with my mind."

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Halfback Tom Matte rushed Unitas to the hospital — and later came down with a case of bleeding ulcers.

Five other Colt players also are on the injured list.

Owens hasn't had any mail lately from Rosenbloom, with or without a check for \$100,000.

Too bad, says Owens, a former professional knife-thrower.

"I have nothing against the Colts, per se," he says. "It's simply that I need the money. They just don't understand the kind of hair-raising power that's in my possession."

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removed from this category, I will do whatever I can to comply.

"I note with great interest your record of accomplishments and trust you will intervene with the space intelligences on our behalf."

Rosenbloom concluded by suggesting a meeting with Owens.

Owens said the Colts' answers to his letters were "unsatisfactory" since he demanded \$100,000, which hasn't been forthcoming, to remove the hex.

"I need the money," he said, "to finance a home away from sordid commercial interests and to pay for a trip to Europe, where I intend to study the research of an Asian friend who developed a method of dropping birds from trees by the sound waves of his whistle.

"I think I can improve on his system and get greater distance and velocity with a tuning fork."

And what if the \$100,000 were to be paid?

Why, says Owens, "I could sit in the stands and destroy the Colts' opponents play-by-play . . . Or they could use me theatrically—with a canopy over my head or something denoting the presence of a resident psychic."

Owens says he formulated the hex against Baltimore in "about 10 seconds" in February by drawing a square with the word "Colts" inside on a piece of paper and "mentally imposing special other

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