

August 30

Dear Sylvia,

The item I sent you some time back was based on the expectation that I might be contacting you shortly to find out if you would be able to do a reference for me on short notice; as it turned out however, the occasion didn't arise.

The guy I spoke to you about in N.Y. is still moving

forward on the effort to get sound tests on the existing R2R tapes. I've tried to help him in spots, and it does seem to me that this may be the most promising simple approach to the problem, given the present limitations of resources and efforts. The key questions seem to be how many tapes are available, what are their authenticity and time coverage, and what is their quality. Beyond that, it becomes simply a question of getting access to the best technical expertise and equipment.

Mendelsohn contacted Nevin, who was not too encouraging, but is pursuing other avenues also.

His initial sponsorship or encouragement is by the Village Voice via Jack Newfield.

He enclosed clips only, scratched the surface of a very involved and important affair, but I thought they might be of interest.

Best wishes,

Gray Stone