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Dear Jerry,

One of the things I did when I was in NY is to see the lawyer who is handling several things for me, such as what Dell cheated me out of, what Meredith used with a contract and never paid for, what they used without contract and never paid for, and what Flammonde lifted, published by Meredith, etc.

One of the things I need for him will be an enormous task for me to find now because I have it stored. It is the tape you made of the Fred Gale show on which Bud, Sprague and Flammonde appeared. I want to dub several parts for the lawyer.

So, when you come next weekend, I'd appreciate it if you would bring your tape of this show with you. I can play it on my large machine and dub off what I need.

While I anticipate there may be some difficulties with Dell, I think it likely that Meredith will settle out of court in a manner my lawyer and I can find acceptable. Until there was a change in management, they had expressed what I think was sincere regret at what they had done (and I'm sure they were innocent, that their authors had done it to them) and had started talking to a lawyer friend of mine to effect a settlement. However, this lawyer got deeply immersed in other projects and the Meredith president left, so the whole thing hung fire.

I think you understand how important this can be to me, so please put this tape in your bag before you get busy and forget. You need not be here when I dub it, but if you want a case study in the harm these people who pretend they know the material and do not do, you might want to listen while I play it and I'll show you that they really know nothing, merely embroider on what is published, whether it be solid material or crap.

On another subject, I heard directly from Jerry yesterday for the first time since I arranged for Bud to be his brother's lawyer.

Best regards,