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Dear Ed,

While I'm waiting in the house near the phone a little longer for the call I know will not come from Lucht, who I now know is a nigger, I'll bring you up to date with what I regard as more cheap tricks.

A little after 10 your time, as told last night, I phoned. I was told Lucht is usually in by then but today wasn't. He would be any minute and he'd call me back. A little while later I got a call from Weber, who gave me his name and nothing else. Later, when I asked, he told me he was only an announcer and was calling to help(?), having seen the note on Lucht's desk (?). I do not believe announcers make daytime toll calls without authorization. Well, it was so strange, he indicated Lucht not being in. But he didn't think he'd gone away for the weekend this early, so he'd still be in and he'd have his call. It is now after one your time.

First, when I asked for a tape, he said they didn't have it because they reuse them and this one got reused. At the end of the conversation I came back to this and got a different story: He actually looked for the tape the next day and couldn't find it, found no one so labelled and no one who had reused it. I asked him about their "air tape" and he said they have none. I said this is something engineers take care of and he insisted they do not make one. I cannot argue, but I do believe every station makes a 15/16 air tape, at the transmitter or from the line leading to it. I was under the impression this is required. Maybe it isn't. But the contradictory accounts do not encourage trust. Nor is it easy to believe they destroyed a tape with possibilities, this one having gotten them good publicity, something not to common in their lives, I'm certain. It makes a good fill-in show, especially if either they face an emergency, a guest who doesn't show, or something develops from the revelations.

They all knew I wanted a tape. The word got around fast, as he also let slip. If the staff has known about it so long, there has to be a reason Lucht was not answered. He certainly got the message last night and was, possibly, right there when Weber was on the phone. Meanwhile, what of what you told me, that they sell tapes of the shows? How can they sell what they don't have?

I just do not like this at all and it puts me in a mood to want to do something. Do you know a lawyer who is both good and honest?

They apparently have been in touch with Skolnick and I have an invitation I have and said I have no intention of accepting, to call him. I told them they have the problem of having used my stolen material that happens to be copyrighted. This is true, and right now I'd just as leave they assume meaningful responsibility for it. They also know Skolnick said he was going to call me-and, as I also told you, didn't.

If they were not whipping me around I might be inclined to regard them as innocent victims. This kind of behavior is inconsistent with that. The added abuse is unconscionable. And when I have this needless worry added, I am not inclined to be more forgiving. Next week the interest on my indebtedness is due and I do not have it. Aside from that I have a full enough set of problems. Eventually you'll learn the considerable damage this stinker has caused over and above pirating one of the principal things that would help the book.

I'm serious about the lawyer.

Sincerely

PS. Please keep your partial tape. I'd appreciate a dub. Did Albright tape, or others?