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Dear Nancy,

What a feast for the ears and mind! Oh happy day!

The tapes came today and I could hardly wait for evening to start listening to them. There was time for only one so we decided on the Bechet. Glorious! And if the others are of this quality they are all better than the 8-tracks I've bought in quality. You must have wonderful equipment.

It was also thoughtful and kind for you to inventory each.

Many, many thanks. We'll think of you often.

You will, I think, gather than I have from the enclosed and what I sent yesterday or the day before..

The reason for evening is that it was a fairly decent day-cold, not unbearable wind and a good sun. I still have an ice-in lane, but I can use it and do. We've had several snows and some strong winds since you were here. And I've found that using my arms ~~XXXXXX~~ in vigorous exercise -chopping ice and shovelling it and snow - seems to have been good for whatever it is that ails me.

It has taken some time to build up a little and to learn how much I dare do before I stop but I have. With the arterial obstruction the reaction is not while exerting but after, at rest. So now I spend part of each day, many times each day, chopping away. It is a good feeling now and I've cleared all around the house, into the turnaround toward the road and to where the lane goes downhill. Once on the slope if we get a thaw the rest will go on its own and I'll find other work for the arms.

This is why I waited until I'd not be going out to work any more to hear the first tape.

Are those you used available at a quantity price? I ordered a sample box from the next town, assured of good quality, and they've never come. No store in Frederick sells enough tapes to be able to get a quantity price.

I hope what I've been writing Hoch about is clear to you. I have to give this more thought when I can but I'm inclined more to the view that the deliberative process was not involved - foreclosing it was. The words are those of the exemption claimed, to withhold.

I suggest that you do your own thinking on it. We may well be raising that very issue in court, if not in the immediate future in the appeal then on remand if we prevail on appeal, as I believe we should.

When you are informed on the details you may have an opinion. If so I'm interested.

This may provide an opportunity for limiting the misuse of that exemption to deny what should not be denied.

Again our thanks for the wonderful tapes.

Best to you both,