

Butterfiled- Je's 3/3/74: These are remarkable "coincidences." Of the possible explanations of the repetition of the "mistakes" the appearance of a cloak of legality from the White decision may be the only reasonable one. My own hunch is that this sick man actually did believe the world of the future would hang on his memorable words plus his totalitarian interests.

I had forgotten what you quote from H2085, that GL wanted a "good system." Would anyone believe the Secret Service would install any other? This part is impossible to believe, even if it turn out to be true. They don't even know enough to cushion a mike? Even I made that mistake only once.

As of the time of that installation, even if they were hung up on Sony, unless the lapel mikes were exceptionally sensitive, Sony had tiny, inexpensive and excellent transistorized mikes, with built-in pre-amps. If I'd had the \$30 to spare, when I saw one in Crabtree's in Dallas, when I was still conducting interviews, I'd have gotten one as a possible booster when needed for the automatic volume level.

I still find it impossible to believe that they made a permanent job of 5" reels.