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Nixon's Sonys, your 4/23/74 4/29/74

With this I will start a separate file on his equipment because the 15/16 capability adds a new dimension/capability in part indicated by my recent comments on how conveniently he ran out of tape.

Unless there is a problem of which I am not aware, there is a big advantage in using the 15/16 speed where voice only is to be recorded. Maybe he didn't do it. I have no recollection of any reporting of the speed of any originals. What it really means is that with a full roll of 5" half-mil one side holds six hours. A pair of machines in tandem means 12 almost uninterrupted hours with voice activation. And he had this feature.

In turn, ~~thereat~~ this seems to make my conjecture more important, because if he had it on 15/16, unless he had an exceptionally heavy Saturday 3/14/73, from his schedule of the next day he should not have run out of tape, especially not as early in his day.

Dubbing from 15/16 to 1 7/8 is no trick at all.

I see no advantage in using this kind of machine, none innot using the larger ones used by the spooks and by stations making air tapes. From this I assume that the real federal experts in such matters were kept out. Secret from them. With the single exception that is the Uher also sets at 15/16, the 5" reel is convenient for transcribing because it eliminates the need for dubbing. But then doesn't any have this machine equipped for foot control, etc?

When you are next at Accurate and only if it presents no problem, I'd appreciate a copy of the literature on this machine the identification of which, if I ever knew, I've forgotten.

You may remember my encouragement to Sussman to explore their brands, models and capabilities. I so wish he had!

It is not now possible for us to explore this as it should have been, but being ready to may at some point be a good idea. There are too many unasked and unanswered questions any one of which could be significant if not definitive on the criminal.

Where transcription is planned, there is a disadvantage in automatic reversal. Use of the 15/16 speed, if they did, gave the same time capability without the disadvantage. However, if as seems to be reported, there were but a pair of machines, this means they were left untended for Saturday and Sunday with a maximum six-hour capability and that I find hard to believe. Not the way he talked. Not with his opinion of the deathless character of even his wind-breaking.

Best,