

JDW: I hope this is comprehensible because I'm still upset from an argument with the stupid wife of a negligent electrician over an inflated bill about which he has failed to speak to me after many calls. I'm getting my mind off of it before putting it to other things. My purpose is to tell you that we have profited from the advice your Accurate gave about the kind of set we need and with the Craig will learn if the dependability of this new local man extends to tape recorders. I'd not heard of him until a friend who is a phone company engineer sent me to him for a CB for emergency use we hope is never needed. Engineer recommended highly on dependability, honesty, etc. This guy is doing with electronic equipment what the original discount houses used to do - order for specific sales on all except the most basic merchandise, not have that overhead and undersells all others by not having this overhead to pass on. It appears to be the one benefit of the local flood, which emptied a store next to his father's men's shop, which means the store can be attended when he does not have to be there and so he needs one employee only, another saving he passes on. After satisfaction with the CB on quality and price I went there looking when I got the car back. He made what appeared to be the kind of recommendation Mark had in mind, a modified communications-type set Panasonic makes. I then went to a friend who in the past has given discounts to me but cannot do his own servicing and got a price. This guy services and beat that discounted price by more than \$25. So we ordered, he gets his stuff from a Baltimore warehouse and he'll also deliver and instal. After the scheduled carpentry is completed he'll come back and patch all the components together neatly so there will not be messy wires all around. So I'm hopeful, and again thanks... Shopping for materials for the carpentry yesterday was informative. Perfectly clear mahogany is now much cheaper than common oak, expensive as it all is. Only the mahogany would not match. The oak is more than \$1 a running foot on 1x10 oak... I think we may have found a carpenter. He is personally a nice young fellow, unemployed, married, two babies. Taking cultural courses in the local women's college under the GI bill. Only cultural, not looking toward degree. We can't afford much work but there is some we need and a few conveniences and good experiences with workmen would be a plus. Thanks and best, HW 2/8/77

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