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Dear Harold:

Herewith a copy of the WX Post story for 12/20/73 which you requested. It will go out tomorrow and you might even get it by Monday.

Since your note of the 24th, the manager of KPFA has said that unless Pacifica can raise the money (\$15,000) for his defense, he probably will have to turn over the tape and communique to the feds.

I have heard nothing from Pritchard, the KPFA manager whom I tried to see to deliver your note to Stein, but couldn't get to, and wound up writing him a letter. If he ever got it I doubt now if he is in a position to do much about it, even if one assumes he understands its importance. KPFA was struck late Monday by its staff (July 22) and has been off the air since. Such a strike, by a staff which habitually works half-paid or sometimes not paid at all, under the circumstances, with the Supreme Court decision on the Nixon tapes expected the next day, and with the Senate Judiciary Hearings beginning in public Wednesday, appeared then and still appears to have had some help from some quarter. One of the demands is removal of Pritchard as manager of the station. Even the temporary loss of KPFA's relatively politically conscious and sometimes militant audience seriously weakens Pacifica's ability to fight the ruling against Lewis. I personally have some doubt that the station may ever return to the air, particularly if the strikers have been used by infiltrators. Since the younger generation took over the station several years back and got rid of all the old time liberals which had kept the station going for 20 years, it has lost much of its audience in the illusion that a younger audience would support it as the old audience did. They don't even understand that such institutions don't happen spontaneously. Consequently, I'd suggest that you are unlikely to hear from Pacifica out here and might think about approaching their Washington bureau if you think it worth while. At least they should know who their local attorney is.

Happy to report that the STM's ailment is much improved. She even has survived three days of the HJC public hearings, which we have been watching. We've also been taping what CBS radio carries of it, which is intermittent and fitful, but at least something. KPFA ~~has~~ would have run it solid from beginning to end.

Hope the enclosed is what you need.

Best,

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