

Editor — It seems that my letter published by you on December 5 stirred up quite a fuss. I have answered a number of inquiries directly. However, since I know the facts, let me answer it once and for all.

I did not have or use "tape" recorders on the U.S.S. Pennsylvania in 1944. I used "wire" recorders. Whether "tape" recorders existed before we found them in Germany and brought them to the United States in 1946, I do not know.

I did not use the term "wire recorder" in my letter because it would have been confusing and didn't make one damn bit of difference anyway. I was only making the point that anyone can make a mistake no matter how expert he may be.

I do resent some of the comments which I have received implying that my "story" was not factual and was politically biased. I am politically independent. I just did not like all the press implications that Rose Mary Woods had

intentionally done something wrong. It is quite likely that no one will ever know what happened to the 18 minutes on President Nixon's tapes. As an engineer and executive, I deal in facts. I know what happened to my tapes. I did not turn on the recorders. So, how about leaving the nice lady alone?

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