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Dear Harold:

This will be fairly brief, to clear away a few pending items before we start another seven-day work week tomorrow.

I put your tape recorder questions to our local Sony dealer, Accurate TV & Electronics, and the AK2 rechargeable battery pack you inquired about is \$27.50. It's rated to run your recorder for three hours without recharging, which takes 23 hours. This is a pack, not four separate penlight size batteries, and comes with its own recharging unit.

What would appear to be a better deal from your standpoint might be four penlight GE Permacells, which are nickel-cadmium batteries and rechargeable. Four cost about \$7.00. They should be rechargeable with your power unit that came with your tape recorder, the dealer thinks. If not, they certainly should be rechargeable with your own recharger. They are good for an estimated 1,000 rechargings. I think he said they should operate your recorder for about 7 hours with each recharging, but this sounds a bit too good to be true. In any case, he says the alkaline batteries like those that came with your recorder are not rechargeable. Either the pack or the rechargeable batteries can be used as batteries only when carried.

On the question of plugs to adapt your other-make mikes to your Sony, he throws up his hands at trying to fit them from this distance. The only way to do this, he says, is to have the mikes in hand to see what kind of plugs THEY use. If you want to send the mikes here, he will try to fit them, but suggests you would do better taking your recorder and the mikes in to a dealer (not necessarily Sony) and see if they have the required adapter plugs. Radio Shack is a good place to start trying. I believe they have outlets all over the country.

If you should send the mikes here for fitting, Accurate of course has more tape recorders like yours to work with. Sony uses standard size miniplugs. The problem in finding adapter plugs arises mostly in variations among other plugs in the length of the on-off circuit prong or the distance between that and the mike-circuit prong, or in the form of the on-off circuit prong which in some cases is female rather than male.

We're extremely sorry to hear about Mrs. Weisberg's knee, and hope she continues making progress and that the painful part is over.

And before I forget it, we want to thank you very much for sending us that introductory copy of [MORE], which we had heard about but never expected to see. I've not had time to look into it much, but Jenifer has gone through it rather thoroughly and is much impressed, particularly with Loory's piece on the games Nixon has been playing with the POWs. She's been keeping a file on that, with her special brand of quiet fury, and greeted it with what used to be referred to as a glad cry.

~~Remembering~~ Remembering that you no longer get a New Orleans paper, here's a brief rundown on a few things that have been happening there in case you've missed them. If you want copies of our clippings on any of these just say so; we'd be pleased to oblige.

May 27 -- U.S. District Judge Herbert Christenberry issued a permanent injunction forbidding Garrison to prosecute Clay Shaw for perjury. He ruled that it constituted harrassment and that because of his book, Garrsion had a substantial financial interest in continued prosecution.

May 28 -- Garrison said he wasn't ~~surprized~~ surprised, that they had been fighting the feds for three years etc. He hemmed and hawed around and said he would not decide whether to appeal the ruling (to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, which named Christenberry to decide the case) until he had conferred with his staff.

May 31 -- Garrison says he will appeal.

June 1 -- ~~Jack Warlaw~~ Garrison issues a six-page statement bxlasting Judge Christenberry for two "untruths" in his ruling -- that the DA was proseeckuting Shaw in bad faith and that he had a financial interest in doing so. "This appointed federal employe has no business nor has he any just authority whatsoever to enjoin elected officials of the state of Louisiana from doing their duty." In a separate by-liner, Jack Warlaw comment s that the DA, in openly defying a federal judge, is lining himself up with people like George Wallace in open defiance of federal authority and adds Garrison is reported to be considering supporting a personage for governor who in the past has opposed federal desegregation efforts. The personage is not named.

June 3 -- The States-Item calls for the state bar to investigate Garrison.

June 21 -- William Alford resigns as ~~xxx~~ chief assistant DA, chaging Garrison with knowingly permitting crime to flourish and fixing cases in Criminal District Court. He names no other names, howexer.

June 22 -- DA says Alford's charges are political, an early gust of political winds. "Just a few months ago Mr. Alford was urgingz pressing me to run for governor. Since I decided not to run but rather to support someone else, I expect that he has hitched his wagon to another star."

The States-Item, on an inside page, says that Garrison filed his appeal against Christenberry's ruling the day before withn the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. The States-Item editorially berates Louisiana politicians for not having guts enough to come out openly against Garrison.

June 9 (meanwhile) -- States-item carries a "special to the States-Item" story from Los Angeles that Edgard Eugene Bradley today filed a \$1.5 million damage suit against six defendants who he says falsely tried to link him with the JFK assassination. Defendants are Mark Lane, Westinghouse Broadcasting Co. of San Francisco, the Assassination INquiry Committee (San Diego ?), The Los Angeles Free Press, the New York Free Press, and Carol Aydelotte. Allgges the stories carried about him ruined his

chances at the time of becoming a Republican candidate for Congress, and that he did not run for the office.

In our files is an AP story published in the States-item dated July 10, 1969, to the effect that the day before Bradley had sued in Los Angeles for \$1.5 million, naming all the above defendants except ~~Adax~~ Aydelotte, but also naming a NY Freep reporter ~~max~~ named Jay Singer, a man identified only as Wesley Brice, and 50 John Does. We have nothing on the disposition, if any, of this earlier suit.

We note your reference to the most recent suit in your carbon dated 6.14.71 and addressed to Hal.

Looking back through your correspondence going back to May 22, I find little for which I can supply meaningful answers. ~~Janifax
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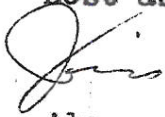
We look forward to seeing the McDonalds and hope they make it up this way. They sound most interesting, and thanks for steering them this way.

We have several items from you which you asked be shown to Hal. This will be done, when we see him. It's been quite some time now. He called recently when he finally got his phone put in, but since then, nothing further.

We don't monitor Eason often enough to have a valid opinion, but from what little we have been able to listen to, he has pretty much turned around on a number of subjects. His silence to you is certainly not inconsistent with such an impression.

I apologize for this jerky attempt to bring ourselves up to date, further confused by a typewriter whose margin stop has suddenly gone haywire.

Best as ever, and we hope things are looking up.



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