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JDW: With the new committee and the possibility of broadcasts of hearings I want to avoid some of the problems with the WG hearings. With ~~til~~ home during Tax Season now I've begun the changes. Your faithful Craig is still connected to the TV for taping. I have ordered an inexpensive Panasonic tape deck (cassette) to connect to the hifi. And I'm thinking of program taping from my desk, on which I now have a ~~rad~~ radio that is not particularly good. A so-called desk organizer makes the space available. The tape deck is my Xmas present to us. I've been stockpiling some supposedly high quality tapes with which I want ~~til~~ to tape those Metropolitan operas she likes so she can play them back when she wants to. On it when I am sitting and listening to hearings I'll probably do most of the recording of them.

The FCC is treating public radio as it did AM around here. It is jamming all these stations at the 88 end of the spectrum they are already interfering with each other to where I cannot separate some with built-in frequency control.

For background music the desk radio is okay. For taping it is not. Less when the Pacifica station is on the air, although does not figure in my thinking

I have asked a French TV producer who will be back and who I've begun to help to ask his people, technicians, if they can recommend a good built-in taping set and if he can save me enough on it to make it worthwhile. If he cannot I may get one here. I've been thinking of it since Lesar followed my advice when he was in Singapore and came back with a fantastic Hibachi. I thought of it again today when in looking at the Post I saw a Sony Model 65 advertised. I take it this is the model you have or the one that replaced it. However, I do not think you have to fine-tune to separate stations. Your sources are all local. I actually get FM stations more than 100 miles away. But I can no longer get the original Washington good-music station. It used to be all our listening. So, when you speak to your dependable shop, without doing it specially, I'd appreciate a recommendation on a dependable machine that can separate stations that are very close in frequency. This situation is perhaps unique here. Today when I was on an errand and listening to the DC all-news FM station, good reception, as I drove it disappears and some hard rock came in, just as clearly. It went that way until I tuned something else in. When the DC Pacifica station is on there will be at least 8 in DC and Baltimore between 88.5 and 91.5. There are four other public stations as far away as Hershey and Phila., Pa. in the same span. Even a high-school station on the Eastern Shore...If the hearings are not broadcast I'll probably

not do it, although I'd be tempted for the easy-morning New Orleans jazz. If the hearings are broadcast it probably will not be in February at the earliest so there is no rush. It is just that if I am going to do it I'd appreciate the kind of good advice not readily available around here. There is no such thing as a good shop that will give advice for other than what it sells. The only really food shop sells only the really expensive stuff and does not stock this kind of machine. My adjusting to my changed situation now that I've stepped to Paris, it is working. I now have a neat box on casters and a lid that makes it a storage box for the lower file drawers. One is being made for my legs when I sit and type. I have bookshelves behind where I sit that I can reach without getting up. My new typewriter stands moves more easily and I no longer have to straddle it. I sit with it at an angle. The real desk is working out conveniently. I've ordered the metal dividers that will let me organize it as much as I can anything. Partitions for the top organizer will do the same. Little by little I am introducing a little efficiency...I'm not forgetting the exercise with this, tho. Up to 15 exercycle miles a day. Boring even to the TV news (pacifics may improve this) but when I feel the legs flush I feel good! By and large I think I am feeling better. The other modern convenience has been a boon to Mil. She pushes a button and I hear her on the wireless FM intercom and can answer her without her having to come to my office he hear me or holler for me to go to hers, at the other end of the house...Please remember, do not go to any trouble on this. Best,

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