

JULY 14, 1994

HIT AUST.

WHAT A PLEASANT SURPRISE TO HAVE RECEIVED 6 METAL TAPES FROM YOU, WITH 110-MINUTE LENGTHS, TO BOOT. ACTUALLY, I'VE NEVER TRIED 110-MINUTE TAPES; THEY ALWAYS SEEMED SO CLOSE TO THE DREADED TAPE-BREAKING 120's, THOUGH I'M SURE THE TECHNOLOGY HAS IMPROVED BY NOW (OR AM I WALKING INTO ANOTHER "THE WORLD HATES ME" INCIDENT?)

— AS A MEANS OF FINDING OUT, I'M SENDING YOU THREE OF THEM — RECORDED IN DOLBY — WHICH I HOPE WILL SOUND OK ON YOUR BOOMBOX. I RECALL YOU WERE ONCE UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT PLAYING METAL TAPES IN THE "NORMAL" TAPE POSITION WOULD RUIN THE HEADS; BUT OF COURSE, THE ONLY THING THAT WILL HAPPEN IS THAT THE TAPE WILL SOUND "BRIGHTER," WHICH YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO REMEDY WITH THE "TONE" CONTROL. IN YOUR LETTER, YOU SAID YOU

FORGOT WHAT IT WAS I REQUESTED YOU TO DO. WELL, I WANTED (AND STILL WANT) SOME REACTIONS TO THE 6 BEATLE TAPES; SUCH AS "DID YOU HEAR CERTAIN THINGS IN THE SONGS THAT YOU WEREN'T AWARE OF BEFORE," "WERE THERE ANY SONGS THAT YOU WEREN'T FAMILIAR WITH," "ANY SONGS THAT YOU DISLIKED," "ANY SONGS THAT REALLY IMPRESSED YOU THIS TIME AROUND," AND SO FORTH. WHY DON'T YOU TYPE UP YOUR COMMENTS NOW?

SPEAKING OF THE BEATLES, TAPE 3 IS ALREADY REWOUND TO SIDE B'S "RARE BEATLES: VOLUME 10" (WHICH I WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR REACTIONS TO) IN CASE YOU GET THE URGE TO EXPAND YOUR BEATLE HORIZONS BEFORE TRUDGING THROUGH OVER 4½ HOURS OF MY JABBERING (ALL TAKEN FROM MY ORIGINAL RIGHT CHANNEL/LEFT CHANNEL RECORDINGS FROM 1992). LEST YOU

GET CONFUSED, "TAPE ONE" BEGINS WITH ^{WHAT} HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN "TAPE 1, SIDE 3;" SO PAY ALL THAT STUFF NO MIND WHEN YOU HEAR IT.

I PUT IN A 16-HOUR DAY ASSEMBLING THE "RARE BEATLES" TAPE (IT INVOLVED REMIXING AND FOUR CASES OF JUDICIOUS EDITING, SUCH AS IN THE CASE OF "SOMETHING," WHICH ORIGINALLY RAN $8\frac{1}{2}$ MINUTES) SO I HOPE YOU ENJOY IT, AND HOPEFULLY NOT JUST PUT IT ON AS "BACKGROUND MUSIC."

THE ENCLOSED ARTICLES ON "STAR TREK" HAVE BEEN LYING AROUND FOR MONTHS WHILE I WAITED FOR YOU TO RETURN MY TAPE. GLAD TO FINALLY BE ABLE TO GET RID OF 'EM.

I HOPE YOUR THANKSGIVING VISIT PANS OUT. ACTUALLY, I THINK YOU SHOULD MOVE BACK HERE. I KNOW YOU'D CONSIDER IT SOME KIND OF MORAL DEFEAT AND IT MIGHT LACK WHATEVER KIND OF "HOT SPOTS" YOU KIDS ARE

INTO THESE DAYS, BUT YOU
COULD PROBABLY FIND A COMPARABLE
NON-CAREER-BUT-IT-PAYS-THE-
BILLS JOB (AND DIDN'T MR.
BRUNTZ OWN A SILKSCREENING
SHOP WHERE YOU WORKED FOR A
SHORT WHILE?) AND AT LEAST
WE COULD ENJOY EACH OTHER'S
COMPANIONSHIP AGAIN. BECAUSE,
FRANKLY, YOUR PARENTS ARE
STARTING TO GRUMBLE ABOUT
CONTINUING TO PAY ME TO BE
YOUR FRIEND.

OH — AND BY THE WAY, HAPPY
20TH ANNIVERSARY ——— THAT'S
HOW LONG WE'VE KNOWN EACH
OTHER.

LOVE,

Steve