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Dear Mr Carneal,

I am delighted to see that you have been elected President of the Association of Recorded Sound Collections and would like to offer you my belated congratulations.

As you may already know, this Institute has recently become a subscriber to the journal of the ARSC and from now on any references therein to the storage and preservation of sound recordings will be read with particular interest.

Since this Institute's inception in 1961, a large quantity of tape-recorded material has been stored in the Sound Archive. During my visit to the Music Division in 1971 you may remember that we discussed at some length your method for transferring cylinder recordings to tape and also current views and recommendations on the storage of tape recordings.

The enclosed was published in 1972 after my return to Australia. We are particularly anxious to know if you are still recommending these procedures and precisely in these terms. Any amendments or other suggestions you would like to make would be especially appropriate just now as storage procedures in our Sound Archive are presently undergoing review.

The transfer of 78 discs to tape, about which I wrote to you some time ago while at Monash University, has since been carried out at this Institute. Your advice regarding disc cleansing was relayed to our Senior Technical Officer, Mr Bryan Butler, who supervised the transfer.

I should be grateful if, at the next meeting of the ARSC, you would mention our special interests in long-term preservation and our desire to meet and discuss problems of mutual interest with any of your members should they happen to be in this part of the world.

With cordial greetings and best wishes,

Yours sincerely