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MONITORIAL COMMENT - [REDACTED]

A monitor would have to be wonderfully inept and stupid to be unable to master the few basic operations required to tune a receiver and record programs with this equipment. I am not saying that a monitor should be able to make full use of the equipment because there are just too many combinations possible. To learn all the combinations requires some knowledge of equipment which the average monitor does not possess. I believe that with a simple set of instructions, instructions which should not contain any technical language, telling the monitor which keys to punch and which switches to turn, any monitor should be able to work without any supervision after a few days. I also believe that no control head should be made available to a monitor. It becomes a crutch which will prevent him from learning to use the remote features of the equipment. My personal opinion is that the equipment is easy to operate and reliable. I speak strictly from the operational point of view.

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Operation easy to handle. For actual monitoring, would be better to eliminate keys on keyboard not to be used for the operation. If the machine needs to be made so it could be used for other more complicated operations too, the keys not of direct interest to the monitor could be covered with blank caps, or the symbol on them could be of different color, so the system will be easier for monitor. The symbols themselves could maybe indicate which step comes first and what it is for. Otherwise, with a list of steps, the monitor can handle it okay anyway.

One time I tuned in a program with bad interference by hand and thought there was some improvement, but I do not believe the difference was really significant.

Would be better if some way could be found to lessen noise from rtty and typewriter. Typewriter of course could be non-electric. Maybe less noisy rtty could be provided.

ANNEX C (cont'd)

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For rapid station changes, the equipment works fine. Eliminates slow band change--particularly if monitoring some important item. If reception is poor, but "do-able" I find that control head tuning is better, and eliminates some steps. This would be necessary if it were a question of losing as few words as possible on the belt.