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1. ALTHOUGH TAKE MUCH BETTER ON TAPES WHERE PUMP OFF, GENERAL AUDIBILITY OF TARGET CONVERSATIONS POOR BUT WE BELIEVE TO TWO REASONS:

A. RECORDING LEVEL APPARENTLY EXTREMELY HIGH THEREBY SERIOUSLY COMPOUNDING DISTORTION PROBLEMS ALREADY PRESENT IN HARD ROOM. SUGGEST RECORDING LEVEL BE TURNED DOWN.

B. MIKES PERIODICALLY APPEAR TO CUT OUT. IF AUTOMATIC GAIN CONTROL (AGC) BEING USED, THIS PROBLEM PROBABLY CONNECTED TO VOLUME PROBLEM IN THAT AS NOISE THRESHOLD INCREASES AGC IS CUTTING OUT MIKES. FOR EXAMPLE FOOTSTEPS CROSSING ROOM TOWARD MIKES APPEAR TO BE ONE CAUSE THIS CUT OUT. IF THIS IS PROBLEM, DECREASING RECORDING LEVEL MAY REMEDY.

TAPES WHERE PUMP ON ALL UNUSABLE HOWEVER IN LIGHT SPORADIC OPERATION OF PUMP TAPES WERE RE-RECORDED TAPES SUPERIOR QUALITY.

END OF MESSAGE

NOTE: Deferring action re pump pending HQs evaluation recent tapes.

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