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Dear Adrian (Barry),

Re: yours of 17th

To begin with the last issue: no, definitely not, we did not take on any of your products after you stated to object on the kind of financial agreement we handle for hifi and other matters with GB.

Secondly, we did months of work on the Van Leer story before publishing.

We tried to get hold of all Philips people related, had interviews with them and talked to all living on the phone.

We checked with old copies of printed material mentioned in the white paper and had Van Leer send us everything he said he had on the matter.

We wrote an intro in which we stated that we only published the article for reasons of historical objectivity.

After publication Van Leer visited us and we had him tell the whole thing again and Sir if you do the same you will find there is a very interesting story.

The most intriguing is how something may be invented.

I feel Mr Van Leer is an honest man who has done his utmost to score his point and certainly not in the way you tell him. He did a lot more and wrote you^a letter which you will have by now to explain.

Most intriguing is that Philips people, after it leaked through to the company that we had been researching, got an absolute embargo to let anything more out to us and we got warnings-by-mouth not to publish. Which of course we did, because everything Van Leer tells is as far as we can controll (and we did some research...) is true.

Luck to you, hope to see you soon,

Hein ten Bosch