

[Letter from John A. Lomax to Harold Spivacke]

General Delivery Houston, Te x. 4/8/1939.

Dear Mr. Spivacke: At last the machine and the records are all in one place, put together and seemingly in fine condition. When the machine got to Port Aransas it wouldn't budge. I drove it to Austin where I knew I could get a competant mechanic. He found the trouble, and it was real and not imaginary trouble. The records met me here. Tomorrow I make my first recordings.

Alan advises me strongly to use emerald-printed cutting needles, but Presto sent only 2 steel cutting needles. Please have three or four emerald needles sent to me by air mail. I should like to present you with records as nearly flawless as possible.

Until I notify you otherwise my address will remain, General Delivery, Houston, Texas.

Sincerely always, John A. Lomax