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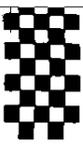
I doubt that Hollywood would be glad to reimburse me for the the approximate \$8500 investment in equipment which would be obsoleted!

I am not alone; there are nearly 5 million early adopters with equipment which does not have broadcast flag capability.

If the broadcast flag is adopted, as an equipment requirement, its use must be delayed for at least 15 years.

Sincerely,

H. A. Blackstead
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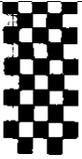
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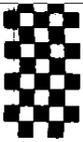
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