Martha and the Muffins Warm Up Quebec — Martha and the Muffins recently made a quick visit to Montreal to headline a taping of the music show Et Ca Tourne. Pictured after the performance are (l-r): Karen Gordon, Polygram national press and radio liaison; Carl Finkle and Mark Goud of the band; Bob Ansell, Polygram national promotion manager; Martha Lady (seated) and Tim Gane of the group, Michael Theriault, Virgin/Disc大姐 label manager, Pierre Parent, Polygram eastern region promotion manager, and Martha Johnson and Andy Haas of the band.

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used different tape modes for home and car use.

On average, the respondents purchased at least six blank tapes each year and preferred 60- to 90-minute tape lengths.

Robertson said CRIA will likely push for a tariff on blank tape, with most of the tax going to record store owners. Requests for clarification with government officials have not been fruitful thus far, he said.

In a related CRIA news item, Robertson said he views threats by broadcasters and elected officials in the U.S. to cut off Cana-

Benjamin, Conway Named To CRI Executive Posts

LOS ANGELES — David Benjamin and Catherine Conway have been named to new positions at CBS Records International (CRI). Benjamin will assume the post of director, business affairs, and Conway will become senior financial analyst.

In his new position, Benjamin will be responsible for the origination and negotiation of artist, production, publishing, label distribution and related contractual arrangements on behalf of CRI, subsidiaries and joint ventures in which CBS Records or CRI is a participant.

Conway, a senior financial analyst, will analyze subsidiary operating results, prepare corporate salient financial reports and assist in operating and capital budget preparation.

Benjamin joined CBS in 1978 as a senior attorney with the Records Group law department. His position prior to moving to CRI was assistant attorney general with the law department.

Conway joined CBS in June 1977 as an account analyst with corporate reports and consolidation. Her most recent position was as royal accountant for CRI.

Italian master tape and finished product "with some skepticism."

The threats of action were made recently after discussions failed to resolve a dispute between Canadian and American broadcast-

ers over cable television actions to simultaneously play Canadian commercials on American channels when the two countries' stations played the same television program.

"If they (politicians) would look at the situation, they'd see a great disparity in trade between the two countries," Robertson said. "I doubt they'd carry out their threats."

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Crystal Gayle

"The Crystal Gayle Singles Album," released in the U.S. under the title "Classic Crystal" on United Artists, has been cer-
tified gold in the U.K.

Lambrettas

Rocket rock recording group the Lambrettas was awarded a silver record for its single "Poison Ivy" in the U.K.

Playback

WEA Records Pty. recording group Playback, formerly known as Player (1), had its single "Space Invaders" certified gold in Australia.

The Police

A&M recording group The Police was awarded a gold record for its "Outlandos D'Amour" LP and a platinum record for its "Regatta of the Blue LP" in Australia. In addition, the group received a gold record for "Regatta of the Blue LP" in Belgium.

Cliff Richard

Cliff Richard was awarded a gold record for his Arcade TV album, "His Best Songs," in Germany.