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JACK MILLMAN & His Hollywood All Stars/California Jazz: A seminal figure in 50s California jazz and the inventor of the video jukebox, still active today in his 70s, I have no idea who this cat is; however, I know who all the cats that hung with him are and it's a mighty impressive roster of modern jazz, all gathered and playing under his leadership. The original of this album is a mighty collectors item today and it only takes one listen to see/hear why. A wonderful, towering achievement of mainstream jazz that's firmly in the old man jazz camp (even if the players were mostly at the heights of their youthful vigor when this was originally recorded), it doesn't sound dated in the least. If you thought Howard Rumsey was the last word on California jazz with killer players, save yourself the embarrassment of public admissions like this, grab a copy of this smoking date and proceed to act like you knew about it all along. This album is a stone, cold killer. Really, get in the game.

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