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As it turns out, one session (58 minutes in length) of this two-session interview is available on audiocassette at Archives II. The cassette seems to be of the first session, as Fonzi and Specter talk about scheduling the second one at the close of the tape. The tape does not reference the date of the interview, however, so that is still a question worth addressing to Fonzi when we talk to him (in addition to securing the second interview). There is also, on audiocassette, a Specter interview, circa 1974-76, conducted by Tom Snyder on his late night show (one of a series Snyder aired on assassination-related topics). Both are interesting. Ideally, transcripts ought to be made and included in the textual part of the JFK Collection. I won't hold my breath. One serious problem is that the NARA staffers who took these cassettes from the HSCA files and forwarded them to the Motion Picture Branch didn't always know what they were listening to. Thus the RIFs are inadequate or, in some cases, out-and-out misleading. The RIF for the Fonzi interview gives a date of 3/28/78 -- which must be the date the cassette was entered into the HSCA's records -- rather than the date of the interview itself. There's no mention of Fonzi, Philadelphia Magazine article, etc. The RIF for the set of tapes (10 separate cassettes) containing the Snyder/Specter interview references "Good Night America" as the originator and lists only Harold Weisburg, Richard Nixon and Arlen Specter in the subject field. But the cassettes (which I had to skim as I looked for the Specter interview) contain a lot of other things; for example: Geraldo Rivera interviews of Cyril Wecht, Ralph Yarborough, Dick Gregory; other Tom Snyder interviews of George O'Toole, Ralph Schoenman and Bob Groden, etc... none of which are referenced on the RIF or on the cassette packaging at NARA II.

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