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Subject: Re: BriLab update

Thank you for the message. I am excited that things are moving along. Just to reiterate, in case it becomes relevant: the 3-6 tapes (the number varies depending on who is talking) in which we are most interested were not played at trial. They were reportedly kept out by the judge upon a motion by the defendant because of references to the Kennedys and/or the Kennedy assassination that would allegedly have been prejudicial to the defendant. I know you know this, but I felt better writing it just because there has been so much confusion among researchers and authors about what tapes are at issue.

To: Phil Golrick/ARRB, Tom Samoluk/ARRB
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Summary of the Call: I called Carol Keeley earlier this week to tell her that I planned to be in New Orleans next week and that, while I am there, I would like to listen to the relevant portions of the BriLab tapes in the New Orleans field office. She said that she would (1) check with Judy Bowen to determine the status of the tapes in the field office, and (2) consult with the FBI General Counsel's office about how to handle these tapes that are presumably sealed pursuant to Title III. (See meeting report from 2/7/96 meeting report on the Title III issue.) Judy called back today to tell me that the New Orleans field office has work copies of some of the tapes (other tapes are in the Washington Field Office) and that they are willing to let us listen to the tapes. However, we will need to contact the U.S. Attorney's Office in New Orleans and ask them to assist us in obtaining a court order from a Federal District Court in New Orleans lifting any Title III seals that govern access to the tapes. (Hon. Charles Schwartz was the Title III judge and Hon. Morey Sear was the trial judge in the New Orleans BriLab trial. Both of these judges are still on the Federal bench.) In her research, Judy learned that certain portions of the BriLab tapes were read at trial, but Judge Sear instructed the court reporter not to include these readings in the transcript. The parties present in the courtroom had copies of the excised transcripts during the proceedings, but the court collected the transcripts at the end of each day. If we are able to get an order lifting the seal, we should contact Warren Jung of the New Orleans Field Office who has been responsible for collecting the BriLab materials. Then, Carol called to confirm that the FBI HQ people have no problem allowing us access to the tapes provided that the U.S. Attorney in New Orleans agreed and provided that we have a court order lifting any Title III seals that might apply.

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