

MEMORANDUM

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To: T. Jeremy Gunn

From: Kevin Tiernan

Subject: Duplication of New Orleans District Attorney Audiotape

I spoke with David Kepley, Chief of the National Archives Motion Picture, Sound and Video Branch (phone number 301-713-7082). He first wanted to know what format the tapes were. It is difficult for them to find the proper equipment for dictaphone-type recordings. Almost any other format presents no problem. NARA generally does not do any duplication off site. He said toward the end of our conversation that if all other options failed, NARA would be willing to send someone down to New Orleans with equipment to do the recording. But he quickly added that he did not know who would cover the costs of such a trip. I asked him whether he thought there might be a local recording firm who could duplicate the tapes in the N.O.D.A.'s offices. He suggested contacting a court reporter/court transcription company. In addition to their expertise in making true recordings, he thought it might bring some level of comfort to the N.O.D.A. because they would be a familiar presence.