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Subject: Response to Galbraith letter

I have rechecked the finding aids for the presidential meeting and telephone recordings at the JFK Library against Mr. Galbraith's requests and our punch list for the Library. The meeting recordings begin on 7/30/62 and end on 11/8/63. The telephone recordings begin on 10/22/62 and end on 10/30/63. We have already requested, via the punch list, all the meeting/telephonic recordings on Vietnam for the available periods. Recordings do not exist for the two-three week period prior to the assassination. Stephanie Fawcett explained that the tepe recording system was manually operated (versus voice activated) and was only turned on at JFK's request. Further, the Library has Evelyn Lincoln's daily log which indicates which meetings and telephone conversations were taped and which were not. The log clearly shows that no recordings were made after the dates indicated in the previous paragraph. Stephanie and Megan Desnoyers confirmed that the NSC October 2, 1963 meeting transcript is not yet available to the public. None of the recordings on Vietnam have been opened to the public to date. They are on the "to do" list and will be opened by April 2000 at the latest. The Library and the Kennedy family are eager to have the tapes made available to the public. In addition, Mr. Galbraith appears to have misunderstood. The October 2, 1963 tape is controlled by the Library, not by the Kennedy family, and McNamara received permission to listen to less than five minutes of it. The screening committee of the Library, at their discretion, grants permission for special access researchers to listen to any tapes. The researchers must have verified clearances from the agencies involved to be granted this access. Stephanie believed, but did not check to confirm, that McNamara had the necessary clearances. There is no mention of the Net Evaluation Subcommittee, OPLAN 34A , or NSAM 273 in the Presidential Recordings finding aids. I asked Stephanie if she knew where any information on them might be located in the Library collection. She had never heard of them.

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