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Subject: Spoke with David Humphrey re: LBJ Library

I got in touch with David Humphrey, an historian with the State Department, who Mary McAuliffe recommended calling regarding the LBJ Library. He no longer works with the LBJ collection but used to be very involved with it. In his opinion, the Library's finding aides were quite adequate and complete and he couldn't think of anything else we should ask for in terms of identifying additional assassination records. He did mention a conference on Vietnam policy held several years ago at the LBJ Library that was initiated by Lloyd Gardner a professor at Rutgers in response to Oliver Stone's movie. He also mentioned that John Newman was involved with this. He recommended that we find out if the proceedings and papers had been made public. He thought Lloyd Gardner would be willing to talk to us and gave me the name of Ted Gittinger at the LBJ Library who handled this project. Since this might be old news to you I thought I'd wait to find out what you thought about it before doing anything further. The only other interesting point Humphrey made was that he didn't believe that Johnson kept many notes of his meetings and therefore didn't expect there would be much documentation of meetings during our timeframe of interest. He said Johnson (lacking the disciplined military training of an Ike for example) was very informal, not systematic and didn't believe in having note keepers at his meetings. Apparently he was very concerned about leaks. This frustrated the State Department to no end because often Johnson would meet with foreign officials, and there would be no real record of what transpired. When I asked about taped meetings, Humphrey said while Johnson taped his phone conversations, he didn't start taping meetings until 1968.

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