

MEMORANDUM

June 24, 1998

To: T. Jeremy Gunn
From: Laura Denk
Subject: Descriptions of BriLab Conversations

As you requested, here are the descriptions of the thirteen BriLab conversations that have now been released from court seal.

(1) June 21, 1979 11:06 a.m.

Irving Davidson calls Carlos Marcello's office at the Town and Country Motel and speaks first to Loretta, Marcello's secretary, and then to Marcello. Davidson tells Marcello that he has just spoken to Jack Wasserman, an attorney who is representing Marcello in his ongoing immigration proceedings. Davidson reports that Wasserman wrote a letter to the *Washington Post* responding to Jack Anderson's column in which Marcello was identified as a key suspect in the Kennedy assassination investigation.

(2) July 13, 1979 8:16 a.m.

Carlos Marcello calls Irving Davidson. Marcello and Davidson discuss the July 12, 1979 column by Jack Anderson in the *Washington Post* article about Carlos Marcello. (Article attached.) The two men also discuss Marcello's relationship with his immigration lawyer, Jack Wasserman. Finally, Davidson reports that he talked to "Clint" -- probably referring to Clint Murchison of Texas.

(3) July 17, 1979 10:43 a.m.

Irving Davidson makes a call to someone named Jim Draykol from Marcello's office at the Town and Country Motel. Discussion about the HSCA report, which was released in the summer of 1979. Davidson says that he has talked to Walter Sheridan who allegedly told Davidson that he disagrees with reports that Marcello was involved with the assassination.

(4) July 18, 1979 7:48 a.m.

Carlos Marcello calls his office at the Town and Country Motel and talks with his secretary, Loretta. He asks Loretta to cut out a newspaper article concerning his alleged involvement with the assassination, to keep the original for him, and to send copies to Jack and to Henry.

(5) July 18, 1979 8:30 a.m.

Donald Stone, one of Carlos Marcello's associates in New Orleans, calls the Town and Country Motel and asks to talk to Marcello. Marcello is busy, so Stone speaks with Loretta, Marcello's secretary, about a newspaper article concerning Marcello's alleged involvement with the assassination.

(6) July 18, 1979 8:40 a.m.

Unknown male calls the Town and Country Motel and speaks to Loretta. Loretta says that she is making copies for Marcello of the newspaper article concerning Marcello's alleged involvement with the assassination.

(7) July 18, 1979 9:00 a.m.

Joe Campisi of Dallas calls Carlos Marcello at the Town and Country Motel. Campisi tells Marcello that the story about Marcello's alleged involvement had been reported in the Dallas Morning News. (Articles attached.) Marcello and Campisi discuss details of the articles. Marcello asks Campisi to clip the article and leave it with him when Campisi comes to New Orleans.

(8) July 18, 1979 9:22 a.m.

Unknown male calls Carlos Marcello at the Town and Country Motel. The unknown man and Marcello discuss the Kennedys and Marcello's opinions about John and Robert Kennedy. Marcello discusses his testimony to Congress regarding the assassination and explains that he told Congress that he "used to love John Kennedy President," that Kennedy "woulda made the best President if he'd a lived," and that he "didn't hate" Bobby Kennedy. Marcello also explains that he "ain't never hate nobody" although he could have "argument" with them and doesn't hate them but he "make[s] up, maybe tomorrow, next week or next month. . . But ain't hatin' ya to kill ya, I'm a kill somebody?" Marcello proceeds to explain his grievances against the Kennedys relating to his deportation.

(9) July 19, 1979 4:31 p.m.

Irving Davidson calls Marcello's office at the Town and Country Motel and speaks with Loretta, Marcello's secretary. Davidson explains to Loretta that he mailed to Marcello a copy of the HSCA's report.

(10) July 22, 1979 4:25 p.m.

Pascal Marcello, Carlos' brother, calls a man named Peter from the Town and Country Motel. Pascal says that another article appeared in the paper that morning concerning Carlos Marcello and the allegations about his involvement in the assassination. Pascal explains that the Warren Commission had already investigated the assassination and that any new allegations were a "hoax."

(11) July 27, 1979 1:18 p.m.

Carlos Marcello calls a man named Clarence Greco at Broussard's, a New Orleans restaurant. Greco tells Marcello that Judge Jim Garrison had been at Broussard's. Garrison told Greco his version of the events surrounding the assassination, which involved the CIA. Marcello remarks, "He knows more about the case than all of 'em He knows more -- he knows it, he's tellin' ya the truth."

(12) August 1, 1979 11:32 a.m.

Unknown man calls Marcello's office at the Town and Country Motel. Man speaks to Loretta and reports that he read a "vicious" article about Carlos Marcello by Jack Anderson in the newspaper a couple of weeks ago. Man explains his opinions about the article to Loretta.

(13) September 21, 1979 8:29 a.m.

Irving Davidson calls Carlos Marcello at his office at the Town and Country Motel. The two men discuss the possibility of getting a letter from the "assassinations committee" that would state that the Committee did not find anything "definite." Marcello apparently wanted the letter to assist in his ongoing immigration case.