

I INTRODUCTION

Some personal information that impacts on the library's development. Because the adobe downstairs floor took longer to dry than anticipated, I moved in three weeks late. Also, with much company in June/July and more expected in August, (and I do enjoy reciprocating the hospitality extended me over these past wandering years), setting up a new home and relaxing and enjoying it, I am only now beginning to return to work on the library. Sustained work will begin in September after all the summer visitors have left, and I have met with the Advisory Board (8/17) and the Lama Board (8/24).

II THANKS

To Jai and Jan Cross who are testing a data base system for selected text retrieval from transcripts by subject.

To Alice Karow, who continues to save money for the Oral History Library by providing deep discounts on transcripts. I urge you to use her services (transcribing, writing, editing, author-publisher liaison, consultant on self publishing) as a way of getting solid professional assistance and also indirectly subsidizing the oral history library. Please check out her website at www.OneTalkTranscription.com.

To the newly formed Advisory Board (see III(2) below) who have volunteered their time and expertise to give direction and advice to the Oral History Library.

III ACCOMPLISHMENTS/DECISIONS

1. The library is paying a knowledgeable teenager to train Ammi to set up a comprehensive computer system for interviews, interview status, fiscal data, correspondence, etc. This work has priority till the meetings with the Advisory and Lama Boards.
2. The newly formed Advisory Board for the library will meet on August 17th in Santa Fe, opening its deliberations with a tea ceremony. The Library will use the many talents of the board (next paragraph) to set policy and directions, advise on technical matters, and make the Library more than "Ammi's project".

Hans Van Briesen, Iris Keltz, Sylvia Rodriguez, Kathy Lyons (present Lama coordinator), and Steve Fox constitute the Board. The Lama Coordinator is automatically a member of the Board.

Their backgrounds and talents include residence and positions of present and past leadership at Lama, deep professional background in anthropology and oral history, authorship of a book with oral histories about the communes in the Taos Valley in the sixties and seventies, research and publication of articles about spiritual communities in New Mexico, and substantial nexus with the audio/visual community in Taos.

3. The Library gave Jai and Jan Cross marked up transcripts to create a test data base. They will test whether a simple retrieval system can be created using WORD capabilities to retrieve text extracts from the transcripts by subject.
4. Fourteen interviews were transcribed; Saul Barodsky, Andy Gold, Paolo Caserta, Dakota/Aurora/Habib - group interview, Erin McCauly - visiting intentional community researcher, G

and L retreatants - group interview, Ben Haggard, Rabia Hunter, Jamil Kilbride, Kathy Lyons, Sara Morgan, Ruth Ross, Mirabai Starr, Sakina Von Briesen. Five histories are in the queue at One Talk Transcription.

Because the shift in emphasis from collecting interviews to generating transcriptions will continue through 2007, I anticipate a zero or very low balance in the library's account by the end of the year.

5. Now that 25 histories have been transcribed, 5 await transcription at the transcriber's office, and 10 to 15 more transcriptions expected by the end of the year, the Advisory Board can realistically begin to consider what products might be developed from the library. See Appendix I for promised interviews and Appendix II for interview status.

The policy below, formulated by Jai/Kathy/Beth/Ammi to avoid co-mingling of funds and projects, will be recommended in August to the Board of Trustees. It affects the library significantly.

Money donated to the Library which flows through Lama can be used only for development and maintenance of the Library, not for any work done with the histories. Money donated or granted directly to the library can be used for any purpose. This policy ensures that money donated to the library through Lama is used only for purposes officially stated in past Lama newsletters - to develop and maintain the library.

To summarize..... Uses of the library are not funded by Lama.

Other monies donated or granted directly to the library and not through Lama can be used independently as the donors or Library chooses. One example would be a grant from the New Mexico Humanities Council directly to the library or to a researcher for purposes stated in the grant application and approved by the Humanities Council.

6. Because it appears likely that the Lama Board will approve using Jai's office as a secure and environmentally protected environment for the tapes/CDs/transcripts, the Oral History Library will now recommend that the University of New Mexico, Center for Southwest Research, be the primary archive. Last year the Chavez Library was recommended because that was the closest secure and environmentally protected repository. Now that there will be an even closer satellite library than Chavez near Lama, Jai's and Jan's residence and office, the University seems the most logical choice for the main repository and will be so recommended to the Board at the August general meeting.

Because of this change, the Library will need different disclosure authorizations than Chavez. The authorization forms will be sent to oral history contributors after official approval in August of archiving at Jai's and the University.

IV. SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES FOR REMAINDER OF 2007

1. Design and install a comprehensive computer system for tracking status of interviews from promised interview to archiving, fiscal accountability, correspondence, retrieval of interviews and interviewee information, text retrieval, etc. See III (1) above.

2. Find money for additional transcriptions and administrative expenses before the present balance in the oral history account is zero, probably in late fall. The exact month depends on how quickly histories can be transcribed, how many will be added for transcription (including necessary re-

interviews), and how fast administrative costs accelerate now that the library office is set up in Crestone.

3. Determine the validity and practicality of a text retrieval system using existing on- the- shelf technology.

4. Determine future directions for the Library, based on guidance from the Library Advisory Board which meets in August.

V BUDGET ESTIMATES

Balance, as of 6/30/07	2, 200 (based on Lama's best estimate, exact balance not available from Lama, conservative guess to avoid overestimate)
Accrued expenses, to date	1, 040
Anticipated expenses through September 30, mostly transcripts	1, 000
Anticipated balance, September 30	160

VI APPENDIX I, PROMISED INTERVIEWS (21), (does not include re-interviewing)

Adkins, Dianne
Babcock, Austin (specialized)
Bonner, Joe (Dwarka) (tentative)
DeAngelis, Mino and Fusako
Dixon, Jim
Dreyfus, Robert
Fox, Frank
Johnson, Bob
Johnson, Pat
Kalman, Galla
Keltz, Iris
Kenny, Mary
Kohn, Ammi
Lyons, Kathy (partial)
Matheson, MaryAnn
Meyer, Wali Ali
Rodriguez, Sylvia
Sharpless, Roberta
Slaigh, Myles (specialized)
Vargo, David
Wilchinsky, Tui (partial)

VII APPENDIX II, COLLECTED INTERVIEWS AND THEIR STATUSES (61)

Altman, Jonathan (transcribed)
Babcock, Austin

Barodsky, Saul (transcribed)
Beasly, Zakira
Brahms, Varda
Brown, Rahman
Cobb, Ahad (partial, transcribed, additional interview in July)
Caserta, Paolo (transcribed)
Caserta, Paolo and Cohen, Lori, A Lama Birth
Cohen, Mia
Cooper, David
Cross, Jai (transcribed)
Curry, Mollie and Kemble, Steve, Be Here Now
Dakota, Aurora, Habib, Lama Children, (at transcriber)
Daniels, Chris (needs additional interviewing)
Daniels, Rita
Degan, Annie, A Neighbor
Durkee, Sh. Nooruddeen (transcribed)
Durkee, Noura (transcribed)
Erin and Karin, Visiting Researchers (transcribed)
Farquar, Lynn
G & L Retreats, (Claderwood/Cuthbertson/Lovelace/ Herrere)(transcribed, reinterview needed)
Garrigus, Beth (sent to transcriber)
Gersh, Georgia, A Neighbor's Child, Lama summer Camp
Giles, Will
Gold, Andy (transcribed)
Goldberg, Natalie (sent to transcriber)
Haggard, Ben (transcribed)
Hall, Katie Maedice
Hunter, Rabia (transcribed)
J.B., a musician from the early days who wants to be anonymous (sent to transcriber)
Jackson, Joe (transcribed)
Killbride, Arielle
Kilbride, Jamil (transcribed)
Kraemer, Mika
Lyons, Kathy (partial, transcribed)
McEllmury, Steve
Memmot, Eric
Morgan, Sara (transcribed)
Nelson, Dianne
Oppenheimer, Sharifa
Peck, Willy
Rayfield, Krishna Das (partial, needs more interviewing)
Renault, Thomas (transcribed)
Rigsby, Fatima (sent to transcriber)
Ross, Ruth (transcribed)
Salack, Joseph
Shechter-Shalomi, Reb Zalman
Shirin, Marian
Shuker, Scott (transcribed)
Slaigh, Myles (partial, needs more interviewing)

Sobel, Eliezer

Starr, Mirabai (transcribed)

Surya, Elaine (transcribed)

Tuff, Nick

Uretsky, Eliana

Von Briesen, Hans (transcribed)

Von Briesen, Sakina (transcribed)

Weinman, Micahel Abd al-Hayy (partial, transcribed, needs more interviewing)

West, Cynthia (transcribed)

Wilchinsky, Tui (partial,transcribed, needs more interviewing))

Zook, Richard (sent to transcriber)