

Raymond Luc Levasseur Trial Transcripts

1987-1989

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U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Jan 9-18

Box 1

Jury instructions, opening statements.

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Jan 19-Feb 6

Box 2

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Feb 7-14

Box 3

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Feb 15-23

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U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Feb 24-Mar 14

Box 5

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Mar 15-22

Box 6

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Mar 23-Apr 12

Box 7

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Apr 13-May 1

Box 8

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 May 2-15

Box 9

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 May 16-June 1

Box 10

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 June 2-8

Box 11

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 June 9-19

Box 12

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 June 20-July 7

Box 13

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 July 10-Aug 14

Box 14

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Aug 15-22

Box 15

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Aug 23-Sept 6

Box 16

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Sept 11-18

Box 17

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Sept 20-Oct 11

Box 18

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Oct 12-13

Box 19

Also contains miscellaneous motions, decisions, etc.

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

Oct 16-Nov 1

Box 20

William Kunstler testimony, Howard Zinn testimony, closing arguments.

U.S. vs. Levasseur transcripts

1989 Nov 2-28

Box 21

Closing arguments, jury deliberation.

U.S. vs. Levasseur miscellaneous motions, legal documents

1987-1988

Box 22

Includes FBI analysis of United Freedom Front coded notebooks.

U.S. vs. Levasseur miscellaneous motions, appeals

1988

Box 23

U.S. vs. Levasseur miscellaneous pre-trial hearings

1988-1989 Jan

Box 24

Includes Joey Aceto psychiatric records.

U.S. vs. Levasseur copies of government motions and letters

ca. 1988

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U.S. vs. King transcripts

1987 Sept 8-22

Box 27

U.S. vs. King transcripts
1987 Sept 23-Oct 7
Box 28
U.S. vs. King transcripts
1987 Oct 15-29
Box 29
U.S. vs. King transcripts
1987 Nov 2-6
Box 30
U.S. vs. Levasseur government evidence list and jury selection documents.

Administrative information

Access

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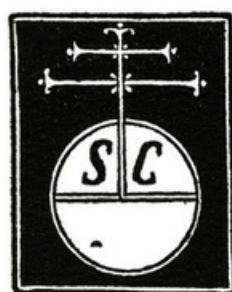
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