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## Abstract

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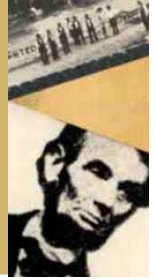
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So, below is my own bootleg audio of my remarks at the conference. It's not the greatest quality of recording, but the words intact. I will eventually take the time to transcribe them and clean up the edges a bit, giving them a permanent home here on the blog. For now, however, the audio is available for you to squint your ears and attempt to hear my ramblings. I'll be back next week with more crazy ideas from the bleeding edge of the odd and wild world of Interpreting the Civil War.

<http://www3.gettysburg.edu/~jrudy/History/J%20Rudy%20-%20Future%20of%20the%20Civil%20War%20-%20Working%20Group%20Remarks.mp3>

MP3 Audio of my remarks at the Working Group (6 MB, approx. 6.5 minutes)