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The Three way hearing information came from a conversation I had with Kathy Waggoner, the Director of the Hearing Office in St. Louis. She said the three way video would be possible if the lawyer in the remote location arranged with the nearest local Social Security office that had video capability (which most now seem to) to use the video facility at the appointed time for the hearing. We know this will take some logistical maneuvering, and hopefully the ALJ, or his staff will help to facilitate it; and it may be the basis of a request for a continuance in order to set it up, if the local office cannot accommodate a particular time. Ms. Waggoner said SSA's system has the capability for the three way bridging, as she called it. She also said that some law firms had been approved to be part of the SSA's system, so they would be able to do it directly. Many of the clients here would be going to the SSA offices in Pikeville and Prestonsburg for the hearing. Hopefully, we will get some feedback from the first firm and/or others after this three way video representation has been concluded. We know this is not the best way, but seems to be the only alternative for the large number of clients. Thanks again to all of you for volunteering!

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