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Briefing Note	
TO	Eric Fibbens, cc John Steel QC
FROM	David Schreiber
SUBJECT	Reference to MILLER
DATE	Monday, 29th November, 1993

The reference you asked me to investigate is to Dr. Bert Miller of Eruv of Baltimore Inc. In a summary of 'common errors' he lists #7 *The Eruv line goes through thick vegetation where it cannot be seen*. The Baltimore Eruv is under the halachic (Jewish legal) supervision of Rabbi Moshe Heineman, who was also called in to supervise and approve the Boston Eruv. He is the equivalent there to Dayan Ehrentreu in London.

I have spoken to Jesse Hefter of Boston who is the most familiar with every detail of the Eruv who confirms that Rabbi Heineman approves of the line going through trees in the situation we have here in Wildwood Road and it is common in both the Baltimore and Boston Eruvs. As long as you can verify on inspection that the line is not broken and merely suspended on some branches, it is perfectly acceptable. His ruling is against situations, which we do not encounter here, where the eruv line is drawn through very thick hedges, from pole to pole, and you cannot distinguish the line as it connects to the posts. Dayan Ehrentreu has also examined each site here and given his approval, which is binding on us in London.

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