Subject: Re: Invention of the first Audio Equipment
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I definitely agree with you about crediting Tesla, certainly regarding power distribution, wireless transmission and other things. But in this case, I am not sure Tesla did much with respect to recording or playback of audio.

I wince as I say that, because I know about the Edison/Tesla controversies. I always considered Edison to be a man of little technical substance, more talented at self-promotion than substantive invention. Tesla did the really cool stuff, Edison did the pet rocks and no-brainers.

There are plenty of cases like that in history, where substantive inventions are overlooked or true inventors forgotten while others are given credit. Tesla is the one I'm most familiar with, but there are others.

That said, I don't think Tesla was really all that interested in audio. Had he been, he would have no doubt been as prolific in the field as he was in the areas of power distribution and wireless transmission.