Q: To where is the /mach symlink resolved when netbooting (or any other sort of booting)?

A: To the path of the kernel booted; typically, this is:

   /private/tftpboot/mach

though it could be rather anything, depending on what was in the server's bootptab and NetInfo databases.   By default, this file is itself a symlink, to /sdmach.

Default boot devices and $BOOTFILE values are

   SCSI   sdmach
   OD   odmach
   Net   /private/tftpboot/mach

Note that if the user booted with a command such as

   bsd()MyMach

then $BOOTFILE will resolve to MyMach.

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