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Because of the nature and extent of the withholdings in what was provided from the DL 89-43 file we have had to make many copies. I can't give an accurate count of the number that are for compliance purposes only but it is most of the copies made. And this when I was not reading with compliance primarily in mind, of course.

Because of our experiences in 75-1996 in particular and with the FBI's misuses of FOIA in general I've had Lil make you two sets of the worksheets.

She had a medical appointment in Rockville, with a ride, but her ride had to go to DC also so Lil had to leave three hours early. This will take a great hunk out of her day so I've just finished doing what she would have done and I write in explanation.

I have just finished separating the two sets and boxing them. Lil has copied through Vol. 39. I think this will come close to being a natural break, about half of the main file worksheets. We'll then have the Sub in a separate set. You can bind them as you desire. These will be about equal in size to those of 76-1996.

Because from time to time you will have need for copies of some of these worksheets I decided that it would be enormously easier and considerable cheaper to give you an extra set to begin with. I had in mind that you could file this set unbound and use it for making copies as you need them in seeking real compliance. Your bound set would be a permanent set you'll need anyway. With the duplicate set you can later be able to provide copies to those who may want them. Perhaps Paul. You know how I've written him. It will be less costly to have such copying done commercially, either in DC or by lending the set to Paul. (I favor the former for a number of reasons, including availability and safety.)

By making duplicate sets now I hope I've eliminated the great time waster of us having but a single complete set for 75-1996 because I kept those I'd received with the relevant records. (I have a set for myself also, aside from the original, with the records, and a set with the other copies, for later use by those who consult the files of selected copies. I'll bind the one set I have separated out for myself. There may be an advantage in our binding these identically so unless I tell you otherwise mine will be as I've boxed these for you, 1-39, inc.)

Please be careful not to get these out of order because some were not identified by the FBI by their Volume numbers. I did not note how many. Also, some have more than one part, as distinguished from multiple pages. Those with more than a single part are undoubtedly for such compilations as CD 7, which is of three parts.

Vol. 40 begins with Serial 4700. Serial 10306 is the last in Vol. 89. This may indicate a few more worksheet pages for what Lil has yet to copy but it also is possible that the likelihood of their being fewer sets of three and four sheets for a single

record is greatly reduced so I think the thickness of each set of worksheets if bound as I suggest will be about equal.

Lil has done the copying through about half of the thickness of the main file. I'm pretty sure there will be less copying of individual records in the coming Sections. She'll still have to take all of them apart to copy the worksheets, which does take time. But I believe she'll complete the job this week.

Now we are due for our dental checkups and we've arranged for a ride from this coming Tuesday, 7/11. So what I can do is bring all of this with me that morning and if you are not tied up you can meet me there and pick it up. It will be quite costly to send. What I've boxed is thicker than 100 thick file folders the box from which I've used to hold them. So we are talking about solid paper more than six inches thick on the worksheets alone.

I'll start going over the separate copies of individual records soon. In a few instances I've made copies for you only, as with the police reports for which I have no need and you can use in O692. Because I've also made a copy of every individual record of which I'll have a separate copy you'll ~~xxxx~~ have a few more copies than I. You'll need these as we use the records themselves. I'll keep one of my sets in chron. order and file the other by subject. Where it deals with compliance I'll have it in a file having some such designation.

I don't know what the total number of copies will be but Lil told me that she made more than 1500 yesterday alone. Of course this is going to be costly for us but I am certain that in the end it will mean reduced overall costs for us in the time that by the end of this will have been saved.

Before you chide me for taking the time separating these required remember that in addition to what remains of a large copying job for Lil, one that from time to time becomes pretty uncomfortable for her, she is also typing another affidavit. In addition, we had run out of stacking space. There were times when we had as many as six cardboard cartons for various purposes in this job. I reduced their number as Lil completed copying by taking the originals to their permanent file cabinet in the basement. Now we are down to four, two for the remaining original records, one for copies and one for the Volumes as copied. (All the originals are now in separate and identified file folders.)