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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Your letter of August 7, 1979 (copy attached), drew attention to five serials which were removed from the Kennedy assassination file in 1973 and placed in a newly created file, #62-115594.

We have been informed that a "changed to" sheet is a Bureau method of memorializing the removal from an investigative file of a document that is considered to have been erroneously placed in the file in the first place. This infrequent, but not unusual, practice occurs more often than not in a large investigative file such as that pertaining to the Kennedy assassination, because anything that appears to have a connection to the investigation, however remote, is likely to be placed in such a file. At some later time, it is determined that the initial filing was not correct -- there is no real connection with the subject of the file -- and the material in question should be placed in some other file or an entirely separate file of its own. The documents you discovered were initially placed in the main Kennedy file because they concerned an unsuccessful request by a Colorado radio newscaster for access to Kennedy assassination records. At a subsequent time, the Bureau received additional material from this individual on an entirely different matter and it was decided to open a miscellaneous file to collect together all material it maintained on this person. We are satisfied that the records to which you drew our attention do not contain any information pertinent to the assassination of President Kennedy.

I hope this information is of some interest to you.

Sincerely,

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