

Dear Jim,

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I have told you that the FBI requires that permission be asked to destroy records, even duplicates, and that I have seen many instances of requests being made, permission granted or denied, and destruction, where approved, accounted for to FBIHQ. When I went over those records I did not have the need for copies so I did not make subject-file copies of them.

In the Mexico City ~~copies~~ records provided by Bud (and to him) ~~as~~ that are really copies of FBIHQ 105-82555 there are records reflecting this FBI requirement. (First number FBIHQ, second MC 105-3702.)

Mexico City had a file drawer of duplicates of large reports it did not originate. It wanted that space, so it listed each and every report it wanted to destroy and asked for permission, in writing, explaining its reason. When permission was granted by FBIHQ, the explanatory note added at FBIHQ to the short airtel to MC is longer than the text of the airtel. Then, after receiving permission, MC reported in writing that it had destroyed those unneeded copies and how they were destroyed.

Mexico City knew that these reports existed at FBIHQ, Dallas and New Orleans, at the very least, and that it had no need for any copies, yetbit still requested permission to destroy and provided a persuasive reason.

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Best,