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Dear Phil,

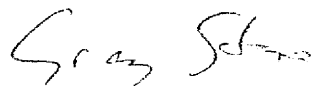
This is to follow up on our conversations concerning the collection of assassination-related material I am aware of, presently being stored in Los Angeles. As I mentioned on the phone, my general impression, confirmed by examination of random boxes of material last week, is that it is a very important and wide-ranging collection, centering on the RFK and JFK assassinations and related or similar issues. On the RFK case it is, without doubt, a unique documentary resource and of great value for further work.

I am enclosing a brief listing of some of the varied subject areas of material encountered in a review of random boxes from the files. In addition, I am enclosing copies of some pages from a typewritten index book which outlines the contents of one part of the collection. These items should give some glimpse of the range and kind of material involved.

It seems to me that the two major priorities in connection with institutional acquisition of this material concern: 1.) organization, cataloguing, storage and access; and 2.) effective use by students, scholars and others in connection with both the historical and the ongoing public interest concerns in these areas. With respect to the portion of these files bearing exclusively on the RFK assassination and specific Los Angeles issues, I've already touched on the special values that would be served by provision for access or use by a California or Los Angeles institution. Possible arrangements in this connection might relate to: 1.) reversion of part of the RFK material to a California institution under certain conditions; 2.) the disposition of duplicate copies (extensive in some areas); 3.) photocopying provisions; and 4.) institutional loans. Apart from scholarly and course-work importance, the collection as a whole also has relevance to journalistic, legal and other areas.

Thanks for your thoughts and reactions on these questions. I hope that this information is helpful.

Sincerely,



CASTELLANO FILES

POSSIBLY SOME OTHERS

Subject Areas Represented (partial and random)

- Dealey Plaza blowup surveyor's map
- RFK crime scene photographs (copies)
- Sirhan legal appeal material, Godfrey Isaac
- Castellano correspondence with Hugo Black, 1959
- Kleindiest Watergate testimony
- Magazine critical of Barry Goldwater
- L.A. Times coverage, RFK case
- Press on Kennedy Administration
- Multiple copies of Castellano testimony - L.A. Board of Supervisors
- Complete hearings and exhibits volumes, Warren Commission
- Correspondence with Ray Marcus
- DeWayne Wolfer deposition, 1971 - Barbara Warner Blehr
- Material on Los Angeles Arechiga dispute
- Look Magazine on JFK assassination, Esquire
- Material on impeachment, Daniel Ellsberg
- Castellano correspondence with Vincent Salandria, Bertrand Russell, Dave Dellinger, Harold Weisberg
- National and local news report transcripts - RFK case
- L.A. Times coverage of Ken Rietz
- Material on Ted Charach and Herbert MacDonell - RFK bullet comparisons
- Court papers from lawsuit concerning American POW
- Clippings on George Wallace shooting
- Clippings on Jim Garrison probe
- Material on Sorenson nomination for CIA director

- Correspondence among critics, RFK case
- Material on cyclamates
- Biographical Dictionary of the Left on Allard K. Lowenstein, 1970
- Assassination-related material from Zodiac news, Midnight, Argosy, Saga, Larry Flynt publication, L.A. Times, Rolling Stone, New Times
- Copies of congressional documents - intelligence investigations
- Copies of witness affidavits - Vincent Bugliosi
- Colson and Haldeman material, 1971
- Material and correspondence on candidate ballot order, Los Angeles elections
- Hunt and Chicago airline crash
- Personal bills
- Charach lawsuit materials - RFK case
- Clippings on Richard Sprague
- Material on HSCA - Congressional Record
- Material on Stansfield Turner
- Index book of material (Floyd Nelson) - Kennedy Assassination Truth Committee
- Bags of news clippings
- Reel-to-reel tapes with air checks following RFK assassination
- L.A. District Attorney office press releases - LaBianca murder case
- Clippings on Baxter Ward efforts - RFK case
- Material on The Second Gun - Charach
- Material concerning Sherman Skolnik
- Transcript of sub rosa meeting in Sirhan case, 5/16/69
- Castellano correspondence concerning Robert Eugene Gindroz
- Material on Sirhan imprisonment - Zatko
- Letter to Sirhan from Abdeen Jabara
- D.A. Busch press releases - inauguration, sheriff's substation

- Copy of Dallas poster - JFK: Wanted for Treason
  - Material on Chicago Seven
  - Grand Jury and Trial testimony transcripts - Sirhan case
  - "The Structure of Medical Terms" - technical book
  - Files of press clips on Sirhan appeal
  - Aqua Vigil Committee material - Vietnam protest
  - Clips on handling of Sirhan exhibits in L.A., Arthur Bremer and KKK
  - Publication of Institute for American Democracy
  - Article from Italian publication on RFK case
  - Umbrella diagram - Dealey Plaza
  - Clippings on Rep. Henry Gonzalez - 1977
  - Clippings on Watergate
  - Miscellaneous layouts - assassination evidence and issues
  - RFK case article by Christian and Turner - L.A. Vanguard
  - Material on UCLA symposium on assassinations
  - Material on Robert Houghton, Special Unit Senator
  - Edward Jay Epstein material - JFK case
  - Research items on Warren Commission
  - Copies of FBI files - JFK case
  - Congressional hearings and committee print volumes
  - Clippings on Robert Blair Kaiser, RFK Must Die, transcript of radio exchange between Kaiser and Castellano
  - Multiple copies of Castellano photographic poster on RFK evidence
  - Labelled envelopes of press clippings on assassination cases
  - Conor Cruise O'Brien article - JFK case
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