

Dear Bill,

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When you return tomorrow you'll be busy so this is an update.

The first 40,001 FBI JFK releases are now being copied for me. I expect to have them, here, this week. I was given that assurance toward the end of last week.

They laughed when I left those files cabinets empty, to paraphrase the old saw, but I was certain and now, when they are put in sequence and filed, I'll have those two releases in sequential order, by file.

More importantly, I'm getting at least that many pages, quite possibly a larger number, that others are not getting. I ask you to keep this to your (plural) self for various reasons. First of all, no hassle from the nuts and self-seekers. And to discourage the misuses certain from those types.

Because these are expressly for me the delivery will be a little different. It will be staggered for one thing. Not so many thousands of pages at one time.

Processing of these files will begin in about a month. They are now being inventoried preparatory to processing. Other things have to be done with them before they are examined for release. It is after these steps that preparations for release to me will begin.

I hesitate to estimate date of completion but it will go faster than in the past. In this case the FBI has agreed to assigned six agent/analysts to the review.

When they complete the larger source of files, the one I've asked be done first, they'll all shift to the smaller set of files, of at least 40,000 pages.

These two will hold some duplications but I feel they'll hold records that are not in the first two of the releases of which you know. They may also offer a higher rate of interesting records.

Right now I can't say how or when I'll be reviewing them because I am so overloaded with other work that I can't lay aside.

Meanwhile, I've ordered 10 new file cabinets. I'll have these records that are to be processed for me in the same area but separated physically.

Since you were here I've made the table you used rigid and I've put in a fluorescent light.

We've had other court successes. As a result we'll be depping some CIA people. As of now can't say how many or which. Some of this will have to do with Nosenko. Some probably with the Epstein book Legend.

Because of the high probability that with the taking of testimony we'll be proving CIA perjury I anticipate some resistance.

Interesting period!

Sincerely,