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Dear Greg,

Reur 2/28: what you provided is the FBIHQ file and serial number, the third being the serials and indicating the extent of other records in that file. Note: I do not know that 62-587 is limited to the RFK assassination. It could be a RFK file. But I think there must be many additional records either way because of the dates you provide, very early.

It is odd that they withheld the HQ and field file numbers because they had already been disclosed, at least FBIHQ because I had a record of it. Probably just more silly stonewalling and escalation of costs to be charged to FOIA.

When you have a serial with so many pages it is generally what the FBI calls an investigative report but is actually a collection of individual investigative reports, mostly FD-302s, assembled by the field office case agent and sent to FBIHQ. It is not uncommon in such cases for this to generate additional FBIHQ records.

However, it is almost certain in all cases and with little question in this case that the field office has much additional info it did not send to FBIHQ. Many reason for this practise and of them never forget that the first law is Cover the Bureau's Ass and close to the top of the list is never embarrass it.

My notes on the book draft are on it and you can see them here at any time but it isn't practical for me to copy them all off. If it is not too much trouble both for future archival value and my own interest I'd like to read Al's intro.

Hope your work out there is going well.

Best wishes,

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Dear Harold,

Thank you for the note and the comments. The introduction to the book is about 55 pages and was written by AKL, as opposed to the main section (draft) which was written by me. It deals from a variety of broader angles with the ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ issues of the case which are presented more specifically in what follows. If you'd like a copy, I'll send one. As I mentioned before, any comments you have, specific or general, on the material in the body of the book would be of interest to me.

Unfortunately, I can't give you any clear FBI file number for the "charts and photographs" section of the FBI reports which I sent you. On the FD-204, first page of the batch of documents the "bureau file #:" is deleted. I can only tell you that it is a section which extends in its present pagination to page 1074, and that 411 of these pages were released either in whole or in part under FOIA. "Field Office File #:" is also deleted from the cover page. The section is the first section of FBI documents compiled and is dated 6/9/68. A cover sheet in the FBI reading room over this section says "2nd release of 668 pages / 62-587-400; 62-587-660." As this is one section with apparently consecutive (except for deletions) pagination up to 1074 and the 668 relates to no batch of pages I can think of, I don't know what to make of this. It is possible, however, that the number is one of the two FBI serial numbers given above.

Thanks for your other suggestions. I'll keep you posted.

Sincerely,

Gary Stee