

Released Hunt Grand Jury Testimony HW 8/3/74

38 of the first 39 pp. were released in the Ellsberg trial flap. I had not been able to obtain a copy by use of NOI after ordinary request nor has the appeal been responded to by DJ. Personal appearance at Jaworski's office with JBesar, told to get from L.A. Finally asked Art Kevin to ask court for copy for me. He phoned last night to report.

Judge Ferguson handled request personal, why Ferguson he does not know. After personal review in which court clerk also (at least besides judge) Ferguson decided to release only first 30 pages. Basis release these pages, withholding others when all are public court records not known. Judge then offered friendly advice: the xerox we have is very poor and if you want to be able to read it you'd better send a typist to retype the 30 pages here.

I thanked Art, asked him to get me the 30 xeroxes and not to spend the money for a typist to retype.

Asked Art to get me full and correct address for writing Judge Byrne.

Personal opinion is that a xerox of the original typescript was sent to Judge Byrne, that this original xerox should be the file copy and that the worst copy that need be supplied is a second-generation xerox. Or, no possible legitimate reason for illegibility.

I'll see if by over-exposure I can make more legible copies and then will write farther, to judges, citing law. Asking legal authority to withhold court records not filed as secret evidence to begin with.

Any suggestions, JL?