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Laura: Thank you for the information. My next question is: what is the status of the records we asked the FBI to process? Anything open? No rush for this week, but when you are able to get an answer, I'll get back to Clark. Thanks. Tom To: Tom Samoluk/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRB From: Laura Denk/ARRB Date: 11/26/97 10:18:13 AM Subject: Re: Bob Clark Interest in Any FBI Files on John Abt Tom --Phil must have been more interested than you thought, because he did make a request for additional information (FBI-11) on April 8, 1996. The request letter reads, in relevant part, "The ARRB staff requests accesss to review references to John Abt in the files of FBI Headquarters, the New York field office, and the New Haven field office for the time from June 1962 through December 1964. This request includes, but is not limited to, any communications involving Mr. Abt intercepted via electronic surveillance." The FBI provided Abt's main file from headquarters (100-236194), and his New York field office file (229-9c-9). New Haven had no files on Abt. I think Kevin and/or Joan may have reviewed these files, but I will need to talk to Kevin and find out if he and/or Joan found any assassination records. Phil reviewed several additional files that the FBI provided to us that contained references to John Abt. The first was a HQ file with the caption "Political Action Committee of the CIO . . . John Abt, Counsel" (# 57-407), but it didn't have any assassination records. The second was part of a main file on Alexander Stevens (100-184255) that had references to Abt, but no assassination records. Phil did locate 5 assassination records in the Jessica Smith Abt file (65-44184) and he asked the FBI to process those records. I hope this answers Clark's questions. Let me know if you need any additional information. To: Jeremy, Laura cc: From: Tom Samoluk/ARRB Date: 11/25/97 11:49:10 PM Subject: Bob Clark Interest in Any FBI Files on John Abt Bob Clark from ABC News has been dogged in asking what we are going to do about any FBI files that may exist on John Abt. He is adamant that any Abt files should be part of the JFK Collection because Oswald wanted him as his attorney. I had talked to Phil about this matter, but he wasn't too hot on pursuing it. I was wondering if it had appeared on anyone's radar screen and if there were any thoughts on what we will do about Abt. Anything you have will be appreciated.

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