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Subject: Re: Bob Clark Interest in Any FBI Files on John Abt
 Laura: This Abt matter has resurfaced. Please provide me an update on what you know (or could learn from Carol) on the status of the documents discussed below. Thanks Tom To: Laura Denk/ARRBcc: From: Tom Samoluk/ARRBDate: 11/26/97 02:54:55 PMSubject: Re: Bob Clark Interest in Any FBI Files on John AbtSounds good. I won't even say anything to I hear from you. Thanks for your help. I like the "Russo-ian" reference; very clever.To: Tom Samoluk/ARRBcc: From: Laura Denk/ARRBDate: 11/26/97 02:22:47 PMSubject: Re: Bob Clark Interest in Any FBI Files on John AbtTom:I don't know whether the Bureau has finished processing the records that Phil designated or not, but I will certainly check with Carol next Monday for you. I know that we haven't yet asked them to process anything from the Abt HQ main file. Rather than give Clark daily updates on the status of the Abt file (I'm trying to avoid another "Russo-ian" scenario), why don't we tell Carol that John Abt will be one of the five "requests for additional information" that we will close out in December (we are closing out five each month) and then you can tell Clark that, barring any unanticipated complications, we expect the records to be transferred to the Collection in January 1998. Let me know what you think.Laura To: Laura Denk/ARRBcc: Jeremy Gunn/ARRBFrom: Tom Samoluk/ARRBDate: 11/26/97 12:50:08 PMSubject: Re: Bob Clark Interest in Any FBI Files on John AbtLaura: 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/ARRBFrom: Laura Denk/ARRBDate: 11/26/97 10:18:13 AMSubject: Re: Bob Clark Interest in Any FBI Files on John AbtTom --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 Record

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