

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG

Plaintiff,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

CIVIL ACTION NO.  
75-1996

Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Herbert Northcutt, Jr., being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:

(1) I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), assigned to the St. Louis Field Office of the FBI at St. Louis, Missouri. My responsibilities as a Special Agent include the handling of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) matters within the St. Louis Field Office.

(2) Pursuant to the request of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), received on August 10, 1977, I made a search of the General Indices of the St. Louis Field Office, on August 11, 1977, for all records and exhibits pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and filed under the FBI designated title for that investigation, "MURKIN". The method of search conducted was the same as that utilized to retrieve records necessary to fulfill the FBI's investigative responsibilities.

(3) Thereafter I conducted a review of those records and exhibits located pursuant to the search described in Paragraph (2) above for documents and exhibits relating to the following individuals: JOHN RAY, JERRY RAY, JAMES EARL RAY, CAROL PEPPER, ALBERT PEPPER. All documents and exhibits containing documents located within the "MURKIN" file and pertaining to the above listed individuals were copied and forwarded to FBIHQ on

August 22, 1977, with the exception of those records previously directed to or received from FBIHQ or the Memphis Field Office of the FBI which did not contain a substantive notation thereon. No exhibits pertaining to the above listed individuals relating to the "MURKIN" investigation were located which contained items other than documents.

Herbert Matthews Jr.  
(Name of affiant)  
Special Agent  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
St. Louis, Missouri

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this 12th day of October, 1978.

Jacqueline M. Dallas  
JACQUELINE M. DALLAS  
Notary Public

My commission expires April 1, 1981