

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG, )  
 )  
Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 ) Civil Action No. 75-1996  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT )  
OF JUSTICE, )  
 )  
Defendant. )  
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DECLARATION OF QUINLAN J. SHEA, JR.

I, Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., declare the following to be true and correct:

1. I am the Director, Office of Privacy and Information Appeals, Office of the Associate Attorney General, United States Department of Justice. One of the responsibilities of my Office is to review files within the Office of the Attorney General, the Office of the Deputy Attorney General and the Office of the Associate Attorney General that are the subjects of Freedom of Information Act and/or Privacy Act requests to determine whether they contain records within the scope of a request and, if so, what portions of those records should be made available to the requester. In processing such requests I and my staff coordinate with personnel of the three mentioned Offices and, in many cases, personnel of other components of the Department of Justice. I make the statements herein on the basis of personal knowledge, as well as information acquired in the course of performing my official duties.

2. Searches of the Offices of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General have failed to locate any records which, in my judgment, fall within the scope of Mr. James H. Lesar's requests of April 15 and December 23, 1975, on behalf

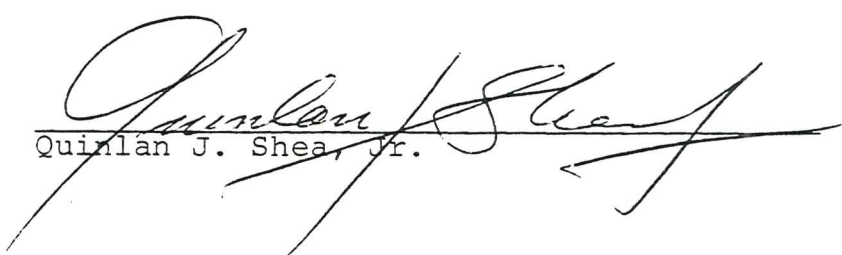
of Mr. Harold Weisberg, for access to certain specific categories of records pertaining to the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

3. My Office is currently processing records which were located in the Offices of the Attorney General and Deputy Attorney General as the result of requests by Mr. Lesar dated December 27, 1977, and January 7, 1978, also on behalf of Mr. Weisberg, seeking access to all records in those Offices which pertain to the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. [Attachments A and B].

4. By letter dated August 22, 1980, I informed Mr. Lesar that it was anticipated that a final response to his requests would be forthcoming by December 1, 1980. [Attachment C]. Barring unforeseen difficulties, I anticipate that we will complete the processing of the records by that date.

I certify under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Executed on October 30, 1980.

  
Quinlan J. Shea, Jr.