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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Enclosed herewith as Attachment A are ten pages of Murkin material which contain information that had previously been classified and was withheld. After a re-review of all classified information concerning the assassination of Dr. King, the following paragraphs were declassified:

- 44-38861-5510- paragraphs 2, 3, and 4. The date of this document remains classified. This decision was reviewed by the Department Review Committee, U.S. Department of Justice, and was upheld.
- 44-38861-5513- paragraph 2
- 157-9146-57- "Note" at bottom of page
- 157-1092-336- source notation after paragraph 3
- 157-6-28-1443- third and fourth source notations after paragraph 3
- 157-12709-127- page 3, paragraph 7. Page 1 of this document is attached to furnish you with the declassification stamp in the lower left corner.
- 170-1067-12- subject's name.

The following attachments are those documents which contain information received from other Government agencies and were referred to their respective agencies for review:



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- Attachment B- 1 document referred to Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, U.S. Department of Treasury, consisting of 3 pages.
- Attachment C- 2 documents referred to the National Security Agency, consisting of 2 pages.
- Attachment D- 24 documents referred to the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice, consisting of 104 pages.
- Attachment E- 17 documents referred to the Central Intelligence Agency, consisting of 35 pages.

Certain of the following subsections of Title 5, United States Code, Section 552, have been utilized to delete information from some of the documents in the five above-listed attachments:

- (b) (1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to Executive Order 11652 in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy;
- (b) (3) information specifically exempted from disclosure by statute;
- (b) (6) materials contained in sensitive records such as personnel or medical files, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b) (7) investigatory records compiled for law enforcement purposes, the disclosure of which would:
 - (A) interfere with law enforcement proceedings, including pending investigations;
 - (C) constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of another person;

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- (D) reveal the identity of an individual who has furnished information to the FBI under confidential circumstances or reveal information furnished only by such a person and not apparently known to the public or otherwise accessible to the FBI by overt means;

The statute for which subsection (b) (3) was cited in Attachment C (NSA referral) is Section 6, Public Law 86-36, which includes provisions which exempt the National Security Agency from statutory requirements involving disclosure of organizational and functional matters which should be protected in the interest of national defense.

A (b) (3) exemption was also claimed by the CIA in Attachment E, which applies to the Director's (CIA) statutory obligation to protect from disclosure intelligence sources and methods, as well as the organization, functions, names, official titles, salaries or numbers of personnel employed by the CIA in accordance with the National Security Act of 1947 and the CIA Act of 1949.

Where appropriate, the proper exemption has been listed for each document on the inventory worksheets accompanying each attachment.

All documents enclosed herewith have been reviewed under Administrative Appeal by a representative of the Office of Information and Privacy Appeals, U. S. Department of Justice.

CIA documents located in FBI files which relate to the Assassination of Dr. King have been returned to that agency for their direct response to you.

Twenty-three documents from the above-mentioned files which contain information received from the Department of State have been referred to that agency for their recommendations as to disclosure of this material. The Department of State is currently coordinating this referral and upon its completion, will return all the documents to us.

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After these documents are forwarded to you, it will complete the coordination and processing of all referrals as well as all the declassified information from the Murkin and related files.

Your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures (5)