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Memorandum

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DATE: 7/27/78 ALLOC DA Dep &D lue

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John E. Howard.

SUBJECT: FOIPA REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG

FOR MARTIN LUTHERYKING, JR., DOCUMENTS

At 2:40 p.m. today SA John Hartingh, Legal Counsel Division, telephonically advised that James H. Lazar was holding on the other line and had contacted Hartingh wanting: (1) the informant report on Byers (mentioned in the paper the last couple days, and (2) any index card recarding Spica. Lazar indicated to Hartingh that he considered both items part of the original request by his client and with regard to the index card, was of the opinion that should one exist it should now be released to him without excision. He indicated to Hartingh that should his request not be granted, he would/ consider it a denial of an oral FOIPA request. Hartingh stated he advised Lazar that he (Hartingh) no longer worked in FOIPA and could in no way make a decision regarding the request and would refer it to someone in FOIPA and have a call returned.

I called Mr. Lazar at 2:50 p.m. and advised him that since his client's original request is in litigation, he (Lazar) should contact Quin Shea, Department of Justice, and make any request regarding this matter to Mr. Shea. I also advised him in the alternative he could direct a written recruest to the FBI making a new FOIPA request with regard to these newly sought documents.

For information.

1 - Mr. Bresson

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1 - Mr. Wood

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Director, FBI

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Enclosed is a copy of a January 20, 1978 letter from the Bureau to SAC, Memphis. This letter was directed to all offices for which Mr. Lesar indicated his interest in regard to the captioned subject.

As your office is now in receipt of the referenced request, this information is being furnished to assist you in responding directly to Fr. Lesar.

In view of the fact that Br. Penstervald's privacy valver is restricted to Burkin related material, you should respond to Br. Lesar that the Knowille office does not possess any records concerning Mr. Penstervald which pertain to his April 15, and December 23, 1975 FOIA request.

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