

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
Attention: Ms. Lynne K. Zusman
Assistant Director - Legal Counsel
Federal Bureau of Investigation

- 1 - Mr. Decker
Attn: Mr. Hartingh
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
December 14, 1977
- 1 - Mr. Mathews

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HAROLD WEISBERG v.
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
(U.S.D.C., D.C.)
CIVIL ACTION NUMBER 75-1996

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Reference is made to the conversation between Special Agent (SA) Charles Mathews III of this Bureau's Legal Counsel Division and Departmental Attorney Lynne K. Zusman, Chief of your Information and Privacy Section, on December 12, 1977. Pursuant to that conversation, enclosed is one copy of a letter dated November 28, 1977, from James Earl Ray to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), Washington, D.C., and one copy of a document entitled "Waiver," executed by James Earl Ray on November 18, 1976. Furthermore, for your information, there is enclosed a copy of a letter dated December 3, 1977, from Mr. Harold Weisberg to Mr. Allen H. McCreight, FBI, Washington, D.C.

This memorandum will confirm the referenced conversation, at which time Ms. Zusman was informed of the contents of the enclosed November 28, 1977, letter of Mr. Ray. As you are aware, this Bureau has completed the processing of over 44,000 pages of records pertaining to the Martin Luther King assassination and has released these documents to Mr. Harold Weisberg, while making copies thereof available to the general public in our reading room. Certain documents containing information of an extremely personal nature pertaining to Mr. Ray were released to Mr. Weisberg pursuant to Mr. Ray's "Waiver," a copy of which is enclosed herein; however, these documents have not been made available to the general public. Although the processing of the documents pertaining to Dr. King's assassination has been completed, in efforts to facilitate a stipulated dismissal in this matter, Mr. Weisberg is compiling a list of specific instances for our review, wherein he believes certain records should not be withheld pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b) (7) (C) and (D).

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Pursuant to SA Mathews' conversation with Ms. Zusman and in view of Mr. Ray's revocation of his Waiver of privacy rights, no further records will be released to Mr. Weisberg which contain information which would be a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Mr. Ray pursuant to Title 5, United States Code, Section 552 (b) (6) without instructions to the contrary from your office.

In the event you require further assistance or information in this matter, please contact SA Mathews at (202) 324-4522. Please keep this office advised of any developments in this matter and supply us with copies of all papers filed with the Court.

Enclosures (3)

1 - United States Attorney (Enclosures 3)
District of Columbia
Attention: Mr. John Dugan
Assistant United States Attorney

NOTE:

Instant memorandum conveys a copy of a letter from James Earl Ray to this Bureau dated November 28, 1977, by which Mr. Ray revokes his authorization to release documents pertaining to him to plaintiff in instant litigation. Pursuant to this letter, no further releases of information which could be considered a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of Mr. Ray will be made until instructions to the contrary are received from the Department of Justice. It is noted that with certain minor exceptions, the processing and release of all requested material has been made; therefore, it is not expected that any information will be withheld from plaintiff as a result of Mr. Ray's letter.

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