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Memorandum

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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 regarding 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 litication, 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 request to the FBI making a new FOIPA request with regard to these newly sought documents.

For information.

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Director, FBI

PREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (POIA) REQUEST OF HEROLICALISHERS FOR MURKIN MATERIAL POITA MATTER

Enclosed is a copy of a January 20, 1978 letter From the Bureau to SAC, Mamphis. This letter was directed to all offices for which Er. Lesar indicated bis 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 Pr. Lesar.

In view of the fact that Hr. Penstervald's privacy waiver is restricted to Eurkin related material, You should respond to Mr. Lesar that the Enormilie office does not possess any records conserning Mr. Penntervald which pertain to bis April 15, and December 23, 1975 POIR request.

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