

28 November 1977

Legal Dept.

Washington, d.c. 20535.

SUBJECT: WAIVER(s).

In regard: Ray v. Tenn. Cr. Indictment no. 16645;  
Memphis, Tennessee, 3/19/68).

Dear Sir:

On advice of former counsel, Jack Kershaw, I executed a waiver in 1977 authorizing the F.B.I. to avail to, Mr. Harold Weisberg, Route-12, Frederick, Md., personal information about myself under the Freedom of Information Act.

The understanding was that the aforementioned would be kept confidential to the extent that Mr. Weisberg would not even furnish said information to me. However, since executing said waiver I've received letters from Weis indicating what all he had learned, eg. warehouses & my medical records. In addition, in a November 8, 1977, column by, Jack Anderson, Anderson's alleges the F.B.I. (apparently in 1968) burglarized by sister, Carol Pepper home. Mr. Anderson also reported in the same column that said, Mr. Weisberg, was developing information that said breakin did not take place. If in fact this (Weisberg's efforts on behalf of the bureau) is correct then he would not need my waiver to have access to the bureau's files. Therefore please consider this letter a revocation of said waiver and any and all other waiver(s) I may have given, Mr. Weisberg.

In conclusion, if any of the information contained in consequence of material the F.B.I. has furnished Harold Weisberg is publicized, as a result of said waiver, please consider this letter a NOTICE of complaint against the bureau and said Harold Weisberg for fraud & collusion.

Respectfully: James E. Ray #65477  
B.M.P.  
Petros, Tn. 37845.

cc: Mr. Harold Weisberg  
Route-12  
Frederick, Md. 21701.

cc: House select committee.

*James E. Ray*

W A I V E R

I, James Earl Ray, being first duly sworn, depose as follows:

1. I am the James Earl Ray who, on March 10, 1969, was convicted of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I am presently incarcerated in the Brushy Mountain Penitentiary at Petros, Tennessee as inmate No. 65477.
2. Mr. James H. Lesar of Washington, D. C., has represented me since 1970 in my petitions for post-conviction and habeas corpus relief. He presently represents me in my petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court to review the Sixth Circuit decision upholding the District Court's denial of my petition for a writ of habeas corpus.
3. Mr. Lesar has informed me that Mr. Harold Weisberg, of Frederick, Maryland, has filed a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit, Weisberg v. Department of Justice, Civil Action No. 75-1996, for access to documents pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and my alleged commission of that murder. Mr. Lesar has also informed me that the Department of Justice has indicated that some of the documents to which Mr. Weisberg seeks access, or parts thereof, may be withheld from him on the ground that their disclosure would constitute an invasion of my personal privacy.
4. I hereby waive any invasion of my privacy which might occur as the result of the release of any of said documents, or parts thereof, to Mr. Weisberg and authorize the Department of

Justice and any of its components to make available to Mr. Weisberg and Mr. Lesar any documents, or parts thereof, which, in the opinion of the Department of Justice or any of its components, might invade my personal privacy.

5. Mr. Lesar has also stated that where he and Mr. Weisberg are given access to, or copies of documents or parts of documents which the Department of Justice believes may invade my personal privacy, neither he nor Mr. Weisberg will make public use of said documents, or parts thereof, or make them available to any other person without my express permission.

*James Earl Ray*  
JAMES EARL RAY

ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of November, 1976.



*John Paul [Signature]*  
NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR  
STATE OF TENNESSEE, TENNESSEE

My commission expires 1-12-80