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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in response to your February 7, 1977, request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act for copies of certain specified records concerning the Civil Rights Division's investigation in to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Your request was received by the Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit of the Civil Rights Division on February 14, 1977.

A copy of your request was also referred to the Department's Office of Professional Responsibility. From consultation with Mr. Michael E. Shaheen, Jr. of that Office and Mr. Shaheen's letter to you, dated February 22, 1977, it is the Civil Rights Division's understanding that your request, in regard to Items 4, 5 and 6, has been responded to by the Office of Professional Responsibility.

All press releases for the Department are made by the Office of Public Information. A copy of your request has, therefore, been referred to that Office for response in regard to Item 3. The Office of Public Information will respond directly to you regarding that portion of your request.

The Civil Rights Division is currently processing your request with respect to Items 1 and 2. Due to the need for consultation with appropriate Department staff prior to making any final determination as to what, if any, records may be released, it will be necessary to extend



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the deadline for response to your request for a period of five working days pursuant to Department of Justice Freedom of Information Act regulations, 28 C.F.R. 16.5(c). A response will, therefore, be sent to you by Wednesday, March 9, 1977, unless you are otherwise notified.

Sincerely,

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