

June 7, 1977

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

The Deputy Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530

Dear Sir:

I hereby request access to the following records:

1. All records comprising what is referred to in the Shaheen Report ("Report of the Department of Justice Task Force To Review the FBI Martin Luther King, Jr., Security and Assassination Investigations") as "MPD Statements, State v. James Earl Ray."
2. All other Memphis Police Department records pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
3. All Memphis Police Department records pertaining to all legal proceedings instituted against, or on behalf of, Mr. James Earl Ray in connection with the murder of Dr. King.
4. All records of, or obtained by or from, the District Attorney General for the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit, County of Shelby, Tennessee which pertain to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or any legal proceedings instituted against, or on behalf of, Mr. James Earl Ray.
5. All records of, or obtained by or from, the Sheriff of Shelby County, Tennessee which pertain to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or any legal proceedings instituted against, or on behalf of, Mr. James Earl Ray.
6. All records of, or obtained by or from, the Attorney General of the State of Tennessee which pertain to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. or any legal proceedings instituted against, or on behalf of, Mr. James Earl Ray.

This request is made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552. I would appreciate it if you would promptly advise me as to the following: 1) the units of the Department of Justice

to which this request has been referred; 2) the sequential number which each unit is assigning to this request; and 3) the last sequential number being process by each unit to which this request is referred as of the date this request is received by any such unit.

I also request that, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) and Department of Justice regulations, you determine that a waiver of search and duplication fees is in the public interest as regards this request.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Lesar