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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is in further response to your June 14, 1977 Freedom of Information Act request for access to certain enumerated records pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 1973 attempt to transfer James Earl Ray to a federal penitentiary.

As you were advised by letter of July 14, 1977, a search of the Civil Rights Division files revealed no records responsive to Items 1 and 2 of your request.

Extensive additional search of the Civil Rights Division files has not disclosed any documents pertaining to the 1973 attempt to transfer James Earl Ray to a federal penitentiary other than Petitioner Ray's December 27, 1973 Petition for Temporary Restraining Order which was provided to you by letter of July 14, 1977.

I regret that the Civil Rights Division is unable to be of further assistance to you in this matter. However, information regarding Item 3 of your request may be available from the Tennessee State Commissioner of Corrections. I would therefore suggest that you write directly to that office for possible additional information.

Sincerely,

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