



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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Dear Mr. Lesar:

This is to acknowledge receipt by the FBI of your Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request dated June 14, 1977, concerning records of William Bradford Huie and Gerold Frank, which pertain to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Title 5, United States Code, Section 552a(b), popularly known as the Privacy Act, precludes the release of personal information concerning a living person without that individual's written authorization. Therefore, the FBI is notifying you that only those materials, if any, consisting of information already in the public domain will be made available pursuant to your request. This decision is predicated upon a determination that public interest in the subject matter of your request is insufficient to require release of records under the Freedom of Information Act concerning William Bradford Huie and Gerold Frank.

Please advise if you wish the FBI to release to you records containing information already in the public domain.

If you are dissatisfied with this initial determination, you may appeal to the Attorney General. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Attorney General (Attention: Freedom of Information Appeals Unit), Washington, D. C. 20530. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal."

Sincerely yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

