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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEAL

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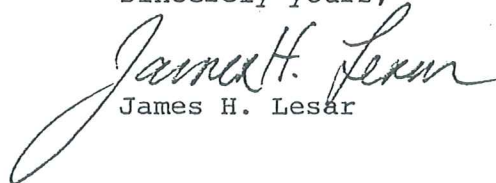
Dear Mr. Flaherty:

By letter dated November 3, 1977, FBI Director Clarence Kelley has advised me that my Freedom of Information-Privacy Acts request concerning records of William Bradford Huie and Gerold Frank which pertain to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. will be granted only for those materials, if any, "consisting of information already in the public domain."

Mr. Kelley further advised me that this determination was based upon a conclusion 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."

I hereby appeal this determination.

Sincerely yours,


James H. Lesar

*They don't know
what is public
domain so this
is a total
unfortunate
total denial*