

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
Route 12
Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in response to your letters, dated 13 February and 1 March 1978, wherein you "request a waiver of all fees and costs with regard to all my requests and a refund of those charges I have already paid." You claim also that your expertise, impaired health, straitened financial status, as well as your decision to donate these records to a college, are sufficient grounds for granting such a waiver.

Please be advised that our records indicate that, despite the scope of your current requests, this Agency has not charged you search fees for any of them. We have asked, admittedly, and received your deposit for processing your request concerning Dr. Martin Luther King and James Earl Ray, but, in response to this and your earlier queries, we are waiving search fees in that case also. Your deposit, accordingly, will be used to defray the costs of copying charges in that case, or you can apply it against the copying charges for the drug and related materials sent to you in response to that request. Thus, in that latter case, as in all of the others that we have been processing over the past few years, the only charges you have paid, or will be expected to pay, are the costs of providing you with your own, personal, retention copies of the materials which were or will be released.

We have, further, considered the matter of waiving these charges also, but have determined that we cannot do so. They are the same costs that our other requesters for released material are expected, and do, pay. It would be unfair to the other requesters were we to provide them free of charge to you.

Sincerely,



Gene F. Wilson
Information and Privacy Coordinator