

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington, D.C. 20520

March 9, 1978

Mr. Harold Weisberg Route 12 Frederick, MD 21701

Dear Mr. Weisberg:

On July 21, 1977 you requested access to the records of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) in the names of Martin Luther King and James Earl Ray. In acting on your request, the CIA located a portion of one (1) document (Pages 1, 10, and 11) which the Office of Security (A/SY), Department of State, had previously furnished to that agency. This portion was referred to this office for necessary action and may be released in part. The deletions are based on 5 USC 552b 7(C) (unwarranted invasion of personal privacy).

The bulk of Page 1 is based on information provided to this office by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

Page 10 and the top of Page 11 are based on information provided to this office by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). The deletions made by A/SY are also based on 5 USC 552b 7(C).

Paragraphs 2 and 3 of Page 11 are based on information provided to this office by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The deletions taken by A/SY are also based on 5 USC 552b 7(C).

The Director, Freedom of Information Staff (PA/FOI) will refer the above-cited material to the appropriate agency for review and direct response to you. You will be notified by the Director of PA/FOI when the portions to be released by A/SY will be available for your review.

I wish to advise you that under the Department's regulations, Part 6 of Title 22 of the Code of Federal Regulations, you may appeal this determination to the Department's Council on Classification Policy. A copy of the pertinent section (Section 6.8, titled Appeals) is attached for your information.

I also wish to advise you that any appeal of this determination must be made in writing within 60 days and addressed to Chairman, Council on Classification Policy, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520.

Sincerely,

Victor H. Dikeos

Freedom of Information Officer

Bureau of Administration

Enclosure: 22 CFR 6.8 (Appeals)

Title 22—Foreign Relations

CHAPTER I—DEPARTMENT OF STATE
SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL
[Departmental Reg. 108.711]

PART 6—FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
POLICY AND PROCEDURES
Miscellaneous Amendments

§ 6.8 Appeals.

(a) Review of an initial denial under § 6.6(b) may be requested by the person who submitted the original request for a record. The review (hereinafter the appeal) must be requested in writing within 60 days of the date that the requester is informed either: (1) that the request is denied completely, or (2) that all records which are being furnished in response to his request have been released and he has been so informed.

(b) The appeal must be sent by certified mail to the Assistant Secretary of State for Public Affairs, Chairman, Council on Classification Policy, Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520. The time for decision on appeal begins on the date the appeal is actually received in the Office of the Assistant Secretary. The request shall include a statement of the circumstances, reasons, or arguments advanced for insistence upon disclosure of the originally requested record and a copy of the initial denial letter.

(c) The Council on Classification Policy shall decide the appeal; there shall be a written record of the reasons for the decision and the views of each member. The decision shall be communicated in writing to the requester by a letter from the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. If the decision is to withhold, the letter shall identify the exemption or exemptions exercised under § 6.4, the reason, and, if the Council is prepared to give further consideration notwithstanding expiration of the time allocated for decision, the letter shall so state and indicate when that consideration is expected to be completed.

Released 4/18/78 WEISBERG, H. FOI Case # 810264



