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Dear Mr. Pensterwald:

This is to reply to your letter of March 27, 1974, enclosing a letter from one George McMillan to John Larry Ray, and requesting access to our investigative file pertaining to the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King.

As an investigative file pertaining to a possible violation of federal criminal statutes, this material is specifically exempted from disclosure pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act. See 5 U.S.C. \$552. Any disclosure of the contents of this file would be contrary to Department policy and regulations.

I regret that we could not be of more assistance.

Sincerely,

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