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Dear Mr. Lesar,

I am writing you because I have become aware of the recent decision in your case, Lesar v. Department of Justice, involving your efforts to obtain records under 5 U.S.C. section 552, concerning the Martin Luther King assassination investigations.

I am particularly interested in the Court's decision with respect to exemption b(7)(D), where law enforcement agencies were deemed to qualify as confidential sources under that exemption. As you may know, this is the first substantive ruling of its kind concerning b(7)(D) in the D.C. Circuit.

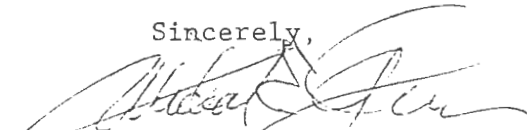
The decision will have an affect on all litigants seeking information being withheld as "confidential information provided only by a confidential source" under exemption 7(D). The courts have been split on this question for years. Now the scales appear to be tipping in an adverse direction. The Washington, D.C. Ministry of Legal Affairs for the Church of Scientology is among the most frequent FOIA litigators in the country. We have a number of suits in this district, most of which are up for appeal and, will be directly affected by the unfortunate decision in you case. Obviously, we would like to see this ruling reversed. We will be preserving this issue in our own suits for possible consideration en banc or certiorari before the Supreme Court.

Do you currently have plans to take your case up for a rehearing in the Court of Appeals or to the Supreme Court? If this is your intention we would like to offer our assistance. As I alluded above, we have had a great deal of experience in FOIA litigation and have won a majority of our suits. We have also had experience working with other groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, when there is a common cause.

I have attached for your information, an analysis of your case done by one of our attorneys, William Dobrovir, of Dobrovir, Oakes & Gebhardt. Bill is a respected FOIA attorney in this district. As you can see, he does a good job of showing that the panel on your case came to the wrong conclusions. They failed to adequately analyse the legislative authority.

Please let me know if we can be of assistance to you. You may contact me at the above address or call me at 797-9826.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Glenn