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TO: Douglas R. Marvin
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FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
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SUBJECT: Status Report: Martin Luther King Task Force

Attached for your information is a status report from Fred Folsom, Director of the Task Force that is conducting the Martin Luther King Review ordered by the Attorney General. Please note that the status report deals only with the FBI's assassination file (or MURKIN serial #44-38861) and not the numerous other personal, investigative, organization or associational files that relate to or concern the FBI's intense investigative interest or discrediting activities vis-a-vis Dr. King. All of these additional files will be the subject of Task Force Review subsequent to its initial, full focus on the King assassination and the Bureau's investigation of same.

I am most pleased with the present pace of review and believe that the Review Group's organizational approach to their enormous task and its successful and ordered completion is a wise one. That approach is to start with the assassination and its investigation and then is to broaden to include all and every logically related record in the Bureau's other voluminous files on Dr. King, the SCLC, his associates and the like - both at FBI headquarters and in every field office.

[I hope that Mr. Folsom's request for immediate secretarial assistance adverted to in his memo will have been satisfied by the time you receive this memorandum. The Civil Rights Division has refused to provide further personnel to assist in this review, but we are seeking to negotiate this problem,]



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