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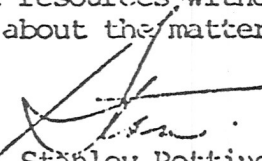
MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

Re: Martin Luther King Review Group

I have received a memorandum of May 24, 1976 (attached), from Glen Pommerening, and Jim Turner received a telephone call from Ed Scott today, both on this subject.

In the May 24 memorandum, Mr. Pommerening says that "the Deputy Attorney General has decided" that the Civil Rights Division is to pay various costs of this review group. Today, Mr. Scott said that you had also decided that in addition to the three attorneys we have already detailed, two secretaries and a research analyst are now to be detailed as well. Six positions represent a significant cost to this Division.

I have instructed Jim Turner and Harry Fair not to execute this latest request until I hear from your office on some consultative basis. I assume that there has been a simple misunderstanding in this regard, given the two days of constant reminders at Big Meadows that consultation on decisions of this kind are necessary and appropriate. Given that a key for my recommendation that another group continue the King review was that the Civil Rights Division lacked adequate resources, obviously it makes little sense to continue this drain of resources without at least the courtesy of a discussion about the matter.


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ATTACHMENT 5



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