

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Clarence M. Kelley, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel
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SUBJECT: Informant Files Pertinent to the Martin Luther
King, Jr., Investigations Review

DATE: September 30, 1976

The Martin Luther King, Jr., Investigations Review Task Force advises me that they have made a request to examine the informant files of the five informants working for your Memphis Field Office during the 1968 Sanitation Workers' Strike. This request, we understand, is under consideration in your Bureau. In addition the Task Force tells me they anticipate that as their work progresses they will call upon the Bureau for other informant files.

To facilitate the work of the Task Force, it is requested, with the Attorney General's approval, that, on an informal verbal showing by the Task Force of the basis for the pending request and for future requests for informant files, such files be made freely available. It is understood that the Task Force will use the files in the main to clarify other information about the Bureau's Martin Luther King, Jr., investigations, and that no interviews or approaches to the informants will be made without further consultations with the appropriate officials of the Bureau.



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