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The Honorable John Melcher
United States Senate
440 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Melcher:

This is in response to your letter concerning the public release of the results of the FBI's investigation of Martin Luther King, Jr.

As Director Kelley has informed you the results of the FBI's investigation have in large measure been made available to the public. FBI officials testified at length before the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence about the results of the Bureau's investigation and produced extensive materials for the Committee's review. The Committee, of course, has issued a public report on the investigation. A task force appointed by the Department of Justice conducted an intense and lengthy study of the FBI's investigation of Dr. King and wrote a thorough, detailed report which was made public.

The Department's report, which is enclosed, was the result of a nine month review of all Department of Justice materials concerning Dr. King. It was written so as to provide as much information as possible to the public without disclosing information related to the national security or materials which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy.

I hope you find the report helpful.

Sincerely,

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