

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG )  
Plaintiff )  
v. ) Civil Action 81-0023  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE )  
Defendant )

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MEMORANDUM ORDER

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

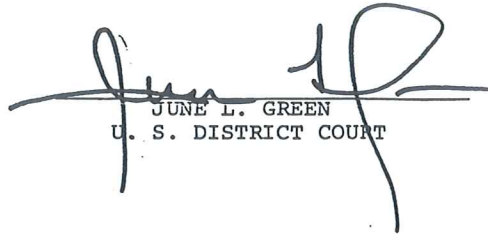
This Freedom of Information lawsuit is before the Court on plaintiff's motion for an order requiring the Department of Justice to submit the Murphy Report for in camera inspection. Robert A. Murphy, chief of the criminal section of the Department of Justice in 1976, prepared this 51-page report to answer two questions: whether FBI action may have had (1) an effect on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., or (2) any other adverse effect on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Most of the report has already been released to plaintiff; the Department of Justice declassified and released additional portions to the plaintiff on October 14, 1981.

The Court grants plaintiff's motion upon weighing the considerations for in camera inspection in Allen v. Central Intelligence Agency, 636 F.2d 1287, 1298 (D. C. Cir. 1980). The Court exercises its discretion to order in camera review because of the strong public interest in this case, the judicial economy in review of a 51-page report which has largely been released already, and asserted disputes as to contents of the withheld portions of the report.

Accordingly, upon consideration of plaintiff's motion for in camera inspection of the Murphy Report, defendant's opposition and the entire record in this case, for the reasons expressed above, it is

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ORDERED that the Department of Justice shall file  
forthwith for in camera inspection an unexpurgated copy of  
the Murphy Report.

  
JUNE L. GREEN  
U. S. DISTRICT COURT

November 19, 1981