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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG,

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Appellant

Civil Action No. 82-1072

v.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

ET AL.,

:

Appellees

APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME WITHIN WHICH TO FILE REPLY BRIEF

Comes now the appellant, Mr. Harold Weisberg, and moves the Court for a three day extension of time, to and including August 26, 1981, within which to file his Reply Brief in this case. In support of his motion, appellant represents to the Court as follows:

- 1. On June 11, 1982, appellant filed a motion for leave to refer to a document outside the record in his Reply Brief. By motion filed July 2, 1982, he requested that the Court extend his time for filing his Reply Brief until 14 days after it had ruled on his motion.
- 2. By Order dated July 16, 1982, the Court partially granted this motion, allowing appellant to file his Reply Brief 10 days after disposition of the pending motion.

- 3. By order dated August 13, 1982, the Court granted appellant's motion for leave to refer to document outside the record in his Reply Brief.
- 4. Appellant's counsel first learned of this order on August 16, 1982. He had then commenced work on an overdue motion for attorney's fees in Civil Action No. 75-1996, a seven year-old case for records pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Cross-appeals in the case have been stayed by this Court pending determination of certain motions in district court.) Appellant's counsel originally thought he would be able to finish the attorney fees motion by August 19th or 20th, then would have Friday, or at least the weekend and Monday to write the Reply Brief in this case. This proved illusory. Because of the length and complexity of the case, the attorney fees motion was not completed until early today, August 23rd, and then only because appellant's counsel spent more than 20 hours working on it over the weekend.
- 5. Appellant's counsel needs three days to write the Reply Brief.
- 6. Counsel for appellees has authorized plaintiff's counsel to state that appeelless do not object to the extension of time requested, provided that the Court allows them five days after the filing of the Reply Brief within which to file their supplemental memorandum regarding the referenced "document outside the record."

For the reasons stated above, appellant requests that the Court grant his requested three-day extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 23rd day of August, 1982, mailed a copy of the foregoing Appellant's Motion for Extension of Time Within Which to File Reply Brief to Mr. William G. Cole, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, D.C. 20530.

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