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Honorable Thomas N. Downing Chairman House Select Committee on Assassinations U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This will refer to your letter of November 2, 1976 requesting access to investigative files of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation relating to the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Personnel of the Department of Justice and the FBI have been working earnestly to inventory and assemble materials that fall within the Committee's request. As you may know, the volume of pertinent materials is massive, but arrangements to make them readily accessible are proceeding apace.

A communication that discusses the means and procedures for providing access to the requested materials is in preparation and will be in your hands before the end of the week.

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Sincerely,

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