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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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SUBJECT: FOIPA REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG FOR MARTIN LUTHERYKING, JR., DOCUMENTS

> At 2:40 p.m. today SA John Hartingh, Legal Counsel Division, telephonically advised that James H. Lazar was holding on the other line and had contacted Hartingh wanting: (1) the informant report on Byers (mentioned in the paper the last couple days, and (2) any index card regarding Spica. Lazar indicated to Hartingh that he considered both items part of the original request by his client and with regard to the index card, was of the opinion that should one exist it should now be released to him without excision. He indicated to Hartingh that should his request not be granted, he would consider it a denial of an oral FOIPA request. Hartingh stated he advised Lazar that he (Hartingh) no longer worked in FOIPA and could in no way make a decision regarding the request and would refer it to someone in FOIPA and have a call returned.

I called Mr. Lazar at 2:50 p.m. and advised him that since his client's original request is in litigation, he (Lazar) should contact Quin Shea, Department of Justice, and make any request regarding this matter to Mr. Shea. I also advised him in the alternative he could direct a written request to the FBI making a new FOIPA request with regard to these newly sought documents.

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Director, FBI

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Enclosed is a copy of a January 20, 1978 letter from the Bureau to SAC, Memphis. This letter was directed to all offices for which Mr. Lesar indicated bis interest in regard to the captioned subject.

As your office is now in receipt of the referenced request, this information is being furnished to assist you in responding directly to Fr. Lesar.

In view of the fact that Br. Fenstervald's privacy waiver is restricted to Burkin related material, you should respond to Br. Lesar that the Knorwille office does not possess any records concerning Mr. Fenctorvald which pertain to bis April 15, and December 23, 1975 FOIR request.

Enclosure

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