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TO : Mr. McCreight

DATE: 7/27/78

FROM : John E. Howard *JEH*

SUBJECT: FOIPA REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG
FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, 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.

For information.

- 1 - Mr. Bresson
- 1 - Mr. Beckwith
- 1 - Mr. Wood

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see memo captioned Weisberg v. Capital Bank dated 8/1/78.
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