

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. White *[Handwritten initials]*

DATE: 4/29/75

FROM : Legal Counsel *[Handwritten initials]*

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA)  
REQUEST OF JIM LESAR *[Handwritten initials]*

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- Legal Coun. \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Re letter of Jim Lesar dated April 15, 1975, copy attached.

Jim Lesar, Esquire, has requested on behalf of Mr. Harold Weisberg copies of results of several enumerated tests performed by the FBI in connection with the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. *[Handwritten: U.S.A.]*

In addition to requesting results of laboratory work, the requester in item number seven in attached letter seeks information on material made available to any author or writer. *[Handwritten signature]*

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1) The Laboratory Division forward to the FOIA Unit, Legal Counsel Division, the requested documents with any comments, recommendations, or suggestions concerning the release of these documents for completion of processing and transmittal to Mr. Lesar.

2) The External Affairs Division forward to the FOIA Unit, Legal Counsel Division, any suggestions concerning a response to item number seven in the attached request.

3) That total Agent time utilized, direct cost of services in preparation, and materials relating to the reproduction of these documents be furnished.

REC-21 *[Handwritten: 190-709-X29]*

Enclosure

- 1 - Mr. Mintz - Enclosure ST. 114
- 1 - Mr. Moore - Enclosure
- 1 - Mr. White - Enclosure

5 SEP 12 1975 *[Handwritten: 371]*

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54 JUN 22 1975 *[Handwritten: 70007-94975]*

where is it?

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

The Deputy Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20531

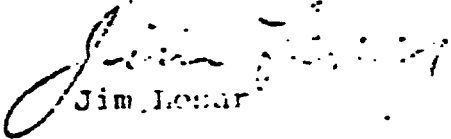
Dear Sir:

On behalf of Mr. Harold Weisberg I am requesting disclosure of the following information on the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

1. The results of any ballistics tests.
2. The results of any spectrographic or neutron activation analyses.
3. The results of any scientific tests made on the dent in the windowsill of the bathroom window from which Dr. King was allegedly shot.
4. The results of any scientific tests performed on the butts, ashes or other cigarette remains found in the white Mustang abandoned in Atlanta after Dr. King's assassination and all reports made in regard to said cigarette remains.
5. All photographs or sketches of any suspects in the assassination of Dr. King.
6. All photographs from whatever source taken at the scene of the crime on April 4th or April 5th, 1968.
7. All information, documents, or reports made available to any author or writer, including but not limited to Clay Blair, Jeremiah O'Leary, George McMillan, Gerold Frank, and William Bradford Huie.

This request for disclosure is made under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. §552, as amended by Public Law 93-502, 88 Stat. 1561.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jim Lesar

It appears that Items 1 through 4 of Lesar's letter of April 15, 1975, and all four items in Leiser's letter of September 5, 1975, are Laboratory matters.

Two copies of each item are being enclosed with this addendum.

The items are as follows:

- (1) Laboratory report dated April 17, 1968, which sets out results of firearms examinations mentioned in Lesar's and Leiser's letters.
- (2) Laboratory worksheet containing notes concerning the firearms examinations.
- (3) Laboratory report, worksheet and notes containing the results of spectrographic and neutron activation examinations of bullets.
- (4) Worksheet and notes concerning the spectrographic analyses of areas of clothing.
- (5) Worksheet and notes concerning the firearms examinations conducted on clothing.
- (6) Laboratory report, airtel, worksheet and notes concerning the examination of a portion of windowsill.
- (7) Laboratory report dated April 19, 1968, which lists items recovered during search of 1966 white Mustang.
- (8) Eleven photographs and photomicrographs of the windowsill area, the muzzle of a weapon and mechanism markings.

None of these items has been released to the public.

Item 4 in Lesar's letter asks for "the results of any scientific tests performed on the butts, ashes or other cigarette remains found in the white Mustang..." Review of the pertinent worksheets and reports has determined that no cigarette butts were recovered during the search of the Mustang. The report dated April 19, 1968, sets out the items that were recovered.

Twenty hours of agent time were utilized in this matter. The cost of printing the photographs is approximately \$20.00,

*which is the cost of 48 photographs 2/3 of which are being retained for future requests. This is \$1.40 per photograph. Also Kilty advised also - 464 photos at 3.00 per. Ill*