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Mr. James K. Hall, Chief  
FOI/PA Section  
Records Management Division  
Washington, D.C. 20535

Re: King materials in HSCA communi-  
cations with FBI which are being  
processed for Mark A. Allen

Dear Mr. Hall:

By letter dated October 21, 1983, you released to my client, Mr. Mark A. Allen, 179 pages of material pertaining to the HSCA's investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These materials had been withheld from the previously released records relating to the HSCA's probe of President Kennedy's assassination. The FBI thoughtfully marked the pages "CP" and "C" to assist us in inserting these newly released pages in their proper locations among the files previously released to Mr. Allen. I wish to thank the FBI for its consideration.\*

Your letter does not indicate whether anymore King assassination materials will be released to Mr. Allen, but I presume that the fact that you have not refunded the balance of the \$100 check that I submitted to you by letter dated April 22, 1983 indicates that this reprocessing of the HSCA's communications for King materials previously withheld has not yet been completed. It seems likely, however, that the \$100 will not be used up if the reprocessing is limited to those portions of the HSCA communications which pertain to both the King and Kennedy assassinations. Therefore, I am requesting that you begin applying the balance to HSCA communications which pertain only to the King assassination (starting, of course, from the beginning of this file). Mr. Allen's requests are limited to Kennedy assassination documents, but another client of mine, Mr. Harold Weisberg, has a request for HSCA's records pertaining to both assassinations. Mr. Allen has consented that the balance of the \$100 be applied to processing King assassination-related materials in the FBI's HSCA communications file which are the subject of Mr. Weisberg's request, but not of his. Mr.

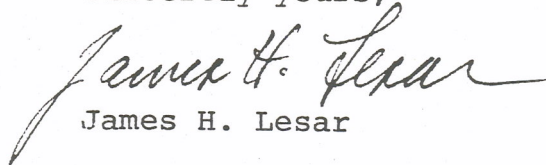
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\*My expression of thanks is belated, at least in part, because your October 21, 1983 letter and the release which accompanied it did not reach me until November 14 or 15, 1983.

Weisberg believes he is entitled to a fee waiver for these materials and does not waive his right to recover such sums as are expended on his behalf by Mr. Allen or anyone else.

If you have any questions, please have a member of your staff contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James H. Lesar". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

James H. Lesar