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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Janet L. Blizard  
Freedom of Information/Privacy  
Acts Officer  
Civil Rights Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Ms. Blizard:

I represent Mr. Harold Weisberg. On Mr. Weisberg's behalf and pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I hereby request:

1. All records in DJ File No. 144-72=662;
2. All records in DJ File No. 95-100-473;
3. All records in DJ File No. 144-017-72;
4. To the extent there is any difference between it and DJ File No. 144-017-72, the "Folder containing memoranda and FBI reports on the Memphis Sanitation Strike of March-April, 1968" as described in Paragraph 2 of the July 13, 1976 affidavit of Mr. Stephen Horn filed in Civil Action No. 75-1996;
5. All records contained in DJ File No. 41-157-147;
6. All records contained in the seven files referred to in Paragraph 5 of the July 6, 1980 affidavit of Salliann M. Dougherty filed in Civil Action No. 75-1996;
7. The index referred to in Paragraphs 3 and 7 of the July 6, 1980 affidavit of Salliann M. Dougherty;
8. The "copies of reports which originated in the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)" referred to in Paragraph 7 of the July 6, 1980 affidavit of Salliann M. Dougherty;
9. The "Folder containing memoranda from Director J. Edgar Hoover to the Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights

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Division concerning the progress of the investigation of Dr. King's assassination" described in Paragraph 3 of the July 13, 1976 affidavit of Mr. Stephen Horn;

10. The "Reports of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police pertaining to their part of the investigation" described in Paragraph 4 of the July 13, 1976 affidavit of Mr. Stephen Horn;

11. The "Reports of the Memphis Police Department concerning their part of the investigation" described in Paragraph 5 of the July 13, 1976 affidavit of Mr. Stephen Horn;

12. The "Two loose folders of correspondence and memoranda pertaining to the assassination investigation" referred to in the July 13, 1976 affidavit of Mr. Stephen Horn;

13. The 51 page report of the Chief of the Civil Rights Division's Criminal Section dated March 21, 1976 (concerning the FBI's investigation of Dr. King and his assassination);

14. The "Reports of New Scotland Yard concerning their part of the investigation" referred to in Paragraph 6 of the July 13, 1976 affidavit of Mr. Stephen Horn;

15. All notes, memoranda, routing slips, correspondence, reports, transcripts or other form of written record in any way pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. conducted by the Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Civil Rights Division during the period between November 24, 1975 and April 26, 1976;

16. All notes, correspondence, memoranda, reports, transcripts, routing slips or other form of written record pertaining in any way to the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by the House Select Committee on Assassinations;

17. All correspondence of or pertaining to the following persons, regardless of origin or however obtained:

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.  
Percy Foreman  
William Bradford Huie  
James H. Lesar  
Albert Pepper  
Carol Pepper  
James Earl Ray  
Jerry Ray  
John Ray  
J.B. Stoner  
Harold Weisberg

18. All correspondence, notes, memorandums, reports, or the form of written record pertaining to the following named persons to the extent that such materials relate in any way to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., any investigation or re-investigation of said assassination, or the case of James Earl Ray:

R. A. Ashley, Jr.	Judge Preston Battle
Harry S. Avery	Wayne Chastain
James G. Beasley	Renfro Hays
Clay Blair	Robert I. Livingston
David Calcutt	<del>Judge Robert F.</del>
Phil M. Canale	Robert K. Dwyer
John Carlisle	James Earl Ray
Robert K. Dwyer	Albert Pepper
Gov. Buford Ellington	Carol Pepper
Michael Eugene	Jerry Ray
Percy Foreman	John Ray
Gerold Frank	Richard J. Ryan
Roger Frisby	Russell X. Thompson
Arthur Hanes, Jr.	Harold Weisberg
Arthur Hanes, Sr.	
W. Henry Haile	
William J. Haynes, Jr.	
Robert W. Hill, Jr.	
William Bradford Huie	
George McMillan	
William N. Morris	
Jeremiah O'Leary	
David M. Pack	
Lloyd A. Rhodes	
J.B. Stoner	
Hugh Stoner, Jr.	
Hugh Stoner, Sr.	

19. All correspondence, notes, phone messages, reports, memoranda or other form of written record pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., specifically including the guilty plea of James Earl Ray, made in regard to any communication, oral or written, by the following persons:

Rev. Ralph Abernathy  
 Rev. James Bevel  
 Rev. Jesse Jackson  
 Mrs. Coretta King  
 Rev. Samuel B. Kyles  
 Rev. Andrew Young  
 Harry Wachtel  
 Stanley Levinson

~~With-respect-to-each-of-the-names--~~

I request that a search be made under the names of each person listed in response to items 17-19, and that ~~materials-a~~ search for materials responsive to item 19 also be made under ~~the-name--~~

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the name of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) or any code name employed for that organization or any of its activities or members.

I also request a waiver of all search fees and copy charges pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(4)(A) on the grounds that the materials sought will primarily benefit the public.

If you have any questions about the way in which this request is to be interpreted, please call or write me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

James H. Lesar