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Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

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Dear Quin,

On June 12, 1978 I filed an appeal relating to what was sent me by Allen McCreight under date of June 8, 1978 relating to King assassination records.

After filing the appeal I have had an opportunity to take a further look at some of what Mr. McCreight sent.

In this I am amending my appeal to include the worksheet for Attachment A.

Enclosed ~~are~~^{are} the worksheets for Attachments A and B, as provided to me.

As you will be able to observe without drawing upon the excellent facilities of the fabled FBI Laboratory Mr. McCreight's people altered the form of the worksheets and with it altered the content.

The headings for the two kinds of information provided under "No. of ~~Pages~~^{Pages}" have been removed and with them the vertical line dividing the two kinds of entries. Apparently because the whitening out of the vertical line whitened out some of the horizontal lines they were replaced with less than the usual FBI skill in art work. In stead of the headings "Actual" and "Released" for the two missing columns relating to the numbers of pages the word "REVISED" was hand-lettered in.

"Revised" is no exaggeration with respect to the information withheld relating to the number of pages. If my recollection is correct with the first of the Serials the actual number is six whereas Mr. McCreight now lists but a single one.

Even the date of this first serial is classified. Naturally, this being the Attachment including what Mr. McCreight informed me had just been declassified. Please accept my assurances that in what follows I am not endangering the national security, not even under those special FBI concepts of the national security as I have come to understand these concepts. From recollection the date is 1/23/69. In any event, Mr. McCreight, in his zealous declassifying, has classified the public domain, this date.

I am aware that under FOIA I may request only existing records. If there are any existing records relating to these alterations in this worksheet I do request them while I also appeal the denials represented. I would like to be able to hope that this kind of alteration and consequent deception and misrepresentation, particularly relating to a case in court, might be of some interest to some Department official. I would welcome any explanation of what happened and why that may be provided.

The two other enclosures are not related to the foregoing. Your list of appeals includes only one entry that could encompass either of these appeals. Your list does not appear to include both. I would appreciate being informed when this is straightened out so I can correct my copy of the list accordingly.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg