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Mr. Harold Weisberg  
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This is in reference to your request for access to F.B.I. records pertaining to Willie Somerset and James Milteer in connection with the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. King.

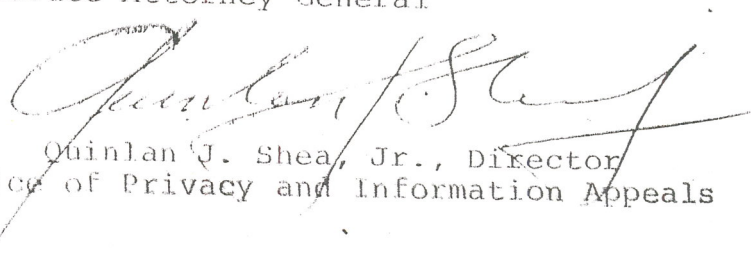
I have now established that the Bureau has in fact, as you indicated, made a release of Somerset/Milteer records to Mr. Dan Christensen. I have been advised that it was due to the fact that the request of Mr. Christensen was processed by an analyst unfamiliar with your broader request for access to Kennedy/King assassination records that the Bureau inadvertently failed to make a simultaneous release of this material to you. This failure is in the process of being corrected and you soon will be receiving all of those records which were released to Mr. Christensen. For whatever assistance it may be to you, I am enclosing a copy of the Bureau's actual release letter to him.

In addition, the Bureau has now located several documents containing unindexed references to Mr. Somerset, with the aid of specific references to this material in your letters. It is my understanding that, at the time these documents were initially processed, the analysts involved were not aware of the fact that Mr. Somerset was dead, which accounted for the decision to excise all references to his informant activities. The Bureau will now restore the excised references to Mr. Somerset in this material and make additional copies available to you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Egan  
Associate Attorney General

By:

  
Quinlan J. Shea, Jr., Director  
Office of Privacy and Information Appeals

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