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SUBJECT: Harold Weisberg v. United States Department of Justice and United States Department of State,

Civil Action No. 718-70, U.S.D.C. D. D.C.

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Mr. Weisberg, author of Whitewash I and II, has filed the above action demanding copies of all the paners which were employed in the extradition of James Earl Ray. These papers were furnished the State Department, flown to England, presumably used in the extradition proceedings, returned to the State Department, and then transferred to the Department of Justice. Included in the papers are a considerable number of affidavits of F.B.I. agents covering fingerprints, ballistics, etc. A memorandum describing the materials being requested is attached.

Would you kindly advise whether the release of these documents would in any way prejudice the work of the F.B.I. and whether in your judgment their production should be resisted.

Your prompt attention to this matter will be appreciated

Attachment

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