Weisberg To Receive Affadavits

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A federal judge gave the Department of Justice one week to hand over affidavits used to extradite James Earl Ray from Great Britain to local writer Harold Weisberg, Weisberg told the News-Post last night.

Weisberg has been requesting the material for nearly two years, but received no reaction from the Justice Department until early June, when a copy of the file folder, minus two pages, was turned over to him and his Washington attorney, Barnard Fensterwald Jr.

He subsequently demanded the missing material and was told by Justice Department officials that they "didn't exist," he said. The court action yesterday virtually assured Weisberg of material needed to complete the final chapter of a book on the King assassination.

"I don't know of another case where a public record has been confiscated by a government that calls itself free," Weisberg commented on the Justice Department hesitation in releasing the file.

Weisberg's book, soon to be published, "will prove conclusively that they framed Ray. There's no doubt about that," the author said.