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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Bureau airtel to Memphis and Savannah, 10/21/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of the letter directed to District Attorney General PHIL M. CANALE, JR., Memphis, Tennessee, advising him that there is no basis to the allegations made by J. B. STONER to HAROLD WEISBERG that the FBI had offered persons $25,000 to frame JAMES EARL RAY for the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

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841 Federal Office Building
167 North Main Street
Memphis, Tennessee 38103
October 27, 1969

Mr. Phil M. Canale, Jr.
District Attorney General
Shelby County Office Building
157 Poplar Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee 38103

Dear Mr. Canale:

Mr. Harold Weisberg, a free-lance writer who resides at Frederick, Maryland, advised an official of the U. S. Department of Justice on October 8, 1969, that he had recently received a telephone call from Mr. J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the National States Rights Party. According to Mr. Weisberg, Stoner told him that two men in the National States Rights Party formerly served as informants for the Federal Bureau of Investigation and that these two men are prepared to testify in court that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had offered them $25,000 to frame James Earl Ray for the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Weisberg indicated that testimony in this regard presumably would be furnished in a habeas corpus proceeding.

Since you are in possession of all of the evidence in this case, I am certain it is obvious to you that there is no basis to the allegations that the Federal Bureau of Investigation offered anyone any money to frame James Earl Ray.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT G. JENSEN
Special Agent In Charge