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Re Baltimore letter to Bureau 5-25-70.

For your information the Harold Weisberg referred to in referenced Baltimore letter is apparently identical with Harold Weisberg, an individual who has been most critical of the Bureau in the past. He is the author of several books including one entitled, "Whitewash - The Report of the Warren Report," and has been critical of the FBI, Secret Service, police agencies and other branches of government. He was one of ten employees fired by the State Department in 1947, because of his loyalty being suspected. He was later allowed to resign. In a letter directed to the Bureau in April, 1969, he requested information on the Martin Luther King murder case for a forthcoming book, however, because of his past animosity toward the Bureau, the letter was not acknowledged. This Weisberg has a pending civil suit against U. S. Department of Justice and the U. S. Department of State demanding copies of certain documents utilized in the extradition of James Earl Ray, the murderer of Martin Luther King.

There are numerous references in the Bureau files regarding Weisberg, however, he is not the subject of any main criminal files nor are there any criminal references to Weisberg in the Bureau files.

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