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... is an author who has been  
... of the FBI, Secret Service, police  
... and other branches of government.  
... of 10 employees fired by State  
... during 1945 because loyalty sus-  
... He was later allowed to resign.  
... is aware of his background.  
... letter from Civil Division advises  
... has filed action demanding  
... of Bureau employed in extradition of  
... murderer of Martin Luther  
... Reports include affidavits from FBI  
... relating to fingerprints, ballistic  
... and document examinations, and other aspects  
... of investigation. If approved, Civil  
... Division will be advised that we interpose  
... no objection, but suggest matter be referred  
... to Civil Rights Division since Federal  
... process is still outstanding on Ray on the  
... Federal Civil Rights charge.

RM:js

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Memorandum

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

DATE: APR 27 1970

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Mohr
- Mr. Bishop
- Mr. Casper
- Mr. Callahan
- Mr. Conrad
- Mr. Felt
- Mr. Gale
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Sullivan
- Mr. Tavel
- Mr. Soyars
- Tele. Room
- Miss Holmes
- Miss Gandy

TO: Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
 Director  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM: William D. Buckelhaus  
 Assistant Attorney General  
 Civil Division

RE: 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.

Mr. Weisberg, author of Whitewash I and II, has filed the above action demanding copies of all the papers 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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