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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.

Reference is made to your letter of April 27, 1960, and a subsequent memorandum from the Director to you of April 30, 1970.

I concur in the Director's memorandum indicating that the federal process charging violation of a federal civil rights statute is still outstanding against James Earl Ray. The matter continues to be under investigation. In any release of any information the files pertaining to such investigation would, I believe, at this time be inimical to such investigation.

cc: Lirector

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