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Dear Mr. Wiseman:

December 15, 1975

To confirm our telephone conversation:

What CBS News has been seeking, under the Freedom of Information Act, in addition to the material you have made available to us, includes:

1. Photographs and/or photomicrographs of the test bullets fired from the evidence rifle in the King case.
2. Analyses of the test bullets, comparing them in detail to the murder (evidence) bullet.

As I indicated to you, we have seen the test bullets and filmed them. But our amateur, eyeball examiner does not give us the expert information we need.

As I also indicated to you, our ballistics expert, Lowell Bradford, having seen only a photograph of the evidence bullet obtained by Ray's defense attorneys, feels that identification of the bullet as having — or having not — come from the evidence rifle — should be readily possible.

I await your call and your letter in reply.

Sincerely,

Ernest S. Leiser
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Senior Producer

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Mr. Ernest S. Leiser
CBS News
524 West 57 Street
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Dear Mr. Leiser:

This is in response to your letter dated December 15, 1975, seeking clarification regarding bullet comparison photomicrographs of the evidence bullet and of test bullets made by our laboratory in connection with the investigation concerning the assassination of the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

By telephone call on December 23, 1975, you were advised by Special Agent Thomas L. Wiseman that the evidence bullet in this case did not bear sufficient microscopic marks of value for identification purposes. Additionally, no photographs or photomicrographs of the test bullets obtained from the evidence rifle were made inasmuch as such photographs would not be taken in situations where it is not possible to effect an identification.

On December 29, 1975, FBI Assistant Director Jay Cochran, Jr., advised you by telephone of the procedures utilized by our laboratory in conducting firearms examinations.

I wish to assure you the FBI is concerned in seeing that the truth is aired. If you have further questions in this matter, our personnel will continue to make every effort to assist you.

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Sincerely yours,

C. M. Kelley

Clarence M. Kelley
Director

The Deputy Attorney General - Enclosure
Attention: Susan M. Hauser

Mr. Cochran
Mr. Moore
Mr. Walsh (Encl.)
(Attn: Mr. Groover)

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Mr. Ernest S. Leiser

Note: By our letter dated 12/2/75, CBS was furnished the laboratory information it requested in the Murkin. By letter dated 12/3/75, requester sent full payment for the released documents (\$16.50). By letter dated 12/15/75 requester made further inquiry regarding the released material. The response was coordinated with Laboratory Division. See memo McDermott to Cochran 12/18/75, McDermott to Jenkins 12/24/75 and Cochran to Jenkins 12/29/75.