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(Suggested Affidavit A) UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

HAROLD WEISBERG

Plaintiff,

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Defendant.

AFFIDAVIT

- I, (name of affiant), being duly sworn, depose and say as follows:
- (1) I am a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), assigned to the (name of field office) Field Office of the FBI at (city), (state). My responsibilities as a Special Agent include the handling of Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) matters within the (name of field office)
- (2) Pursuant to the request of FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ), received on August 10, 1977, I caused a search to be made of the General Indices of the (name of field office) Field Office, on (date of search), for all records and exhibits pertaining to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and filed under the FBI designated title for that investigation, "MURKIN." The method of search conducted was the same as that utilized to retrieve records necessary to fulfill the FBI's investigative responsibilities.
- (3) Thereafter I (supervised or conducted) the review of those records and exhibits located pursuant to the search described in Paragraph (2) above and, on (date of transmittal), forwarded one copy each of said records and

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exhibits containing documents to FBIHQ, with the exception of those records previously directed or received from FBIHQ or the Memphis Field Office of the FBI which did not contain a substantive notation thereon. Those exhibits which contained items other than documents were not copied or forwarded to FBIHQ, however are listed below:

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(Utilize last sentence of Paragraph 3 only if items of this nature were located; if no such items were located, add as last sentence of Paragraph 3 "No exhibits were located which contained items other than documents.")