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Mr. James H. Lesar  
Suite 509  
918 F Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Mr. Lesar:

In processing your request for records about the assassination of Dr. King, for your client, Harold Weisberg, the Federal Bureau of Investigation located two documents which originated in the Criminal Division of the Department of Justice, and referred those documents to us for our review and direct response to you.

In light of our review, we have determined to release item 1 in full and item 2 in part. We are withholding the portions indicated of this item pursuant to the following FOIA exemptions set forth in 5 U.S.C. 552(b):

- (6) which permits the withholding of personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy; and,
- (7) which permits the withholding of records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information...
  - (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

You have a right to an administrative appeal of this partial denial of your request. Department regulations provide that such appeals must be filed within thirty days of your receipt of this letter. 28 C.F.R. 16.8. Your appeal should be addressed to: The Office of Information and Privacy, United States Department of Justice, 10th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20530. Both the envelope and the letter should be clearly marked with the legend "FOIA Appeal." If you exercise this right and your appeal is denied, you also have the right to seek

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judicial review of this action in the federal judicial district (1) in which you reside, (2) in which you have your principal place of business, (3) in which the records denied are located, or (4) for the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Jeffrey Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

L. JEFFREY ROSS, Chief  
Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit  
Office of Enforcement Operations

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# Memorandum

TO : Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation

FROM : *PB/MLK* Philip B. Heymann  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

SUBJECT: House Select Committee on Assassinations

DATE: Decent

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Reference is made to your letterhead memorandum dated November 27, 1978, at Memphis, Tennessee, and captioned "Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., April 4, 1968, Memphis, Tennessee." Reference is also made to your teletype dated November 21, 1978, at Memphis, Tennessee, of the same caption.

These documents were released to the Criminal Division by Robert L. Keuch, Special Counsel for the Attorney General, for a determination as to whether or not any possible criminal violations were indicated which merited further investigation. The Criminal Division has carefully reviewed these documents and has determined that no further investigation is necessary.

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Memorandum



Subject Department of Justice Response to the Final Report of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations	Date February 15, 1983
To William H. Webster Director Federal Bureau of Investigation	From D. Lowell Jensen Assistant Attorney General Criminal Division

As you are aware, the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations (HSCA) issued its final report on March 29, 1979. That report included recommendations that the Department of Justice evaluate specific physical evidence related to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. The Department was also asked to review the HSCA findings regarding the assassinations of President Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King. The Criminal Division is currently preparing a report which describes the Department's response to the HSCA recommendations, for submission by the Attorney General to the House of Representatives.

In preparing the Department's report to Congress, we intend to discuss our efforts to examine the film owned by [redacted] which the HSCA felt merited additional study. Criminal Division records indicate that [redacted] through his attorney, negotiated with the FBI regarding conditions for loaning the film to the Bureau for scientific analysis. [redacted] insisted upon conditions for review of the film which the FBI Laboratory felt would prevent adequate examination of that evidence. Consequently, then-Associate Deputy Attorney General Robert Keuch elected to decline [redacted] offer to loan the film to the FBI. We would appreciate copies of the reports in your files which include details of the negotiations between the FBI and [redacted] and of the FBI Laboratory's proposals for studying the film.

It is envisioned that the Attorney General will report to the House of Representatives that all reasonable investigative efforts have been taken in both the President Kennedy and Dr. King assassination investigations. Accordingly, the Department will probably recommend that no further action be initiated in response to the HSCA report absent the emergence of new relevant evidence or information. I would appreciate your views regarding these proposed conclusions. In particular, I am interested in whether there are any investigative areas in either matter which you feel have not yet been adequately explored.

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I would like to take this opportunity to express the Division's appreciation of the efforts of Special Agent Joel Dean of the Personal Crimes Unit. Mr. Dean's substantive involvement and liaison work in the investigation of President Kennedy's assassination have been invaluable to the Criminal Division attorneys coordinating the Department's response to the HSCA report. The continuity provided to the investigation by Mr. Dean's three years in that assignment has been an important factor in our success in responding to numerous inquiries from both the Congress and the public.