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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT APPEAL

Office of Information & Privacy Office of Legal Policy U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C. 20530

> Request of Harold Weisberg for Records Requested by the House Select Committee on Assassinations Regarding the Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a copy of a June 17, 1986 letter to me from Mr. James M. Kovakas, Attorne in Charge, FOI/PA Office, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, which denies Mr. Weisberg access to a December 21, 1977 memorandum from former Assistant Attorney General Barabara Allen Babcock to former FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley.

On behalf of Mr. Weisberg, I appeal this withholding.

James H. Lesar