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November 26, 1969

Honorable William F. Rogers  
The Secretary of State  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

For some months now, on behalf of my client, Mr. Harold Weisberg, I have been seeking to get from the Department of Justice a copy of all documents supplied to the Bow Street Magistrate's Court in London by Mr. David Calcutt on behalf of the U.S. Government in the public proceeding to require the extradition of Mr. James Earl Ray in June-July, 1968. (See attached correspondence).

The Department of Justice has replied (evasively) that it does not have copies of such documents and (unevasively) that, even if it did have copies, they would not be made available under the Freedom of Information Act, despite the fact that the London proceeding was public.

Does the Department of State, either in its files in Washington or London or elsewhere, have such documents or copies thereof, and will they be made available promptly to Mr. Weisberg per this request?

As the Freedom of Information Act calls for prompt responses on requests for information, I sincerely hope you will favor us with a prompt and unequivocal reply.

Most respectfully yours,

Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.

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