

Dud-draft of letter to King lawyer or lawyers (if only one, I suggest Tachtel, who was seen by Thompson)

Ordinarily, after receiving the letter Miss Bessie Rogers wrote me November 17 for Mrs. ~~xxxx~~ Martin Luther King, Jr., I would have waited to hear ~~ix~~ from you before writing. However, I present Harold Weisberg, a writer, of Route 8, Frederick, Md. On his behalf I will soon be filing a suit against the government in which I believe you will have interest, unless the government makes available to Mr. Weisberg voluntarily what the Justice Department has suppressed illegally and has written me it intends to attempt to continue suppressing.

Mr. Weisberg has completed a very large, detailed and highly persuasive study of this assassination and its official handling. With the exception of his work on the assassination of President Kennedy, it perhaps the largest such work ever done.

In the course of his work he has written a number of Dr. King's associates, not one of whom has responded. He did not write Mrs. King because he believed it might be too painful to her. However, he is in possession of knowledge he would like those looking out for the family interest to be aware of. I am, therefore, writing you at his request to offer you access to his work in advance of the probable litigation, subject to but one restriction: you preserve his confidence and his literary property.

Mrs. Martin Luther King Jr.

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Mr. Bernard Fensterwald, Jr.
Executive Director
The Committee to
Investigate Assassinations
927 15th Street, N. W.
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Dear Mr. Fensterwald:

Thank you for your letter of October 16 to Mrs. King. The many commitments and family responsibilities which she has often prevent her from replying to each piece of correspondence as promptly and personally as she would like. I do hope that you can understand this difficulty.

Mrs. King appreciates your interest in the assassination of Dr. King. We regret that because of her many responsibilities and commitments she is unable to reply promptly and personally as she desires to do.

Therefore your correspondence has been forwarded to Mrs. King's legal advisers, Mr. Stanley Levison, Mr. Harry Wachtel, of New York City and Mr. R. T. Blackwell here in Atlanta. You should expect to hear from them in the near future.

Thank you again for your interest and concern.

Sincerely yours,

Bessie Rogers
(Miss) Bessie Rogers
Assistant to Mrs. King

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