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Honorable Ray J. Madden House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Congressman:

I have received your communication of April 13th, enclosing a letter to you from

You may wish to advise your constituent that at the specific request of the Attorney General, the FBI has instituted an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the slaying of Martin Luther King. I can assure you this inquiry is being conducted in a most thorough and expeditious manner. While I would very much like to be of assistance to information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice.

I am returning your enclosure as you requested.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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