

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Cochran *JMK*

DATE: 12/18/75

FROM : *NBA*  
J. J. McDermott

SUBJECT: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA) REQUEST OF  
ERNEST S. LEISER OF CBS NEWS

- Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_
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- Training \_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_
- Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

Re letter of Ernest S. Leiser dated December 15, 1975,  
copy attached.

Captioned requester was furnished information  
relating to Laboratory examinations of the assassination  
of Martin Luther King, Jr., by letter dated December 2, 1975.  
As indicated in the attached letter, the requester is  
seeking a clarification regarding bullet comparison  
photomicrographs of the evidence bullet and of test  
bullets made by our Laboratory.

The requester has indicated his desire to have  
this information furnished in time for use on the  
scheduled CBS series captioned, "The American Assassinations,"  
on January 2, 1976.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Total agent time utilized, direct cost of  
service and preparation and material relating to the  
reproduction, be furnished.

(See Laboratory Addendum Page 2)

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LABORATORY ADDENDUM

JWK:rlc

December 22, 1975

In this case, the distorted bullet, listed as Q64, did not bear sufficient microscopic marks of value for identification purposes. No photographs or photomicrographs of the test bullets obtained from the evidence rifle were made inasmuch as such photographs would not be taken in situations where it is not possible to effect an identification.

All the notes available concerning the firearms examinations of the evidence bullet, Q64, have been made available.

Two hours of agent time were utilized.

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Dear Mr. Wiseman:

December 15, 1975

To confirm our telephone conversation:

What CBS News has been seeking, under the Freedom of Information Act, in addition to the material you have made available to us, includes:

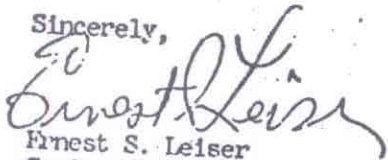
1. Photographs and/or photomicrographs of the test bullets fired from the evidence rifle in the King case.
2. Analyses of the test bullets, comparing them in detail to the murder (evidence) bullet.

As I indicated to you, we have seen the test bullets and filmed them. But our amateur, eyeball examination does not give us the expert information we need.

As I also indicated to you, our ballistics expert, Lowell Bradford, having seen only a photograph of the evidence bullet obtained by Ray's defense attorneys, feels that identification of the bullet as having -- or having not -- come from the evidence rifle -- should be readily possible.

I await your call and your letter in reply.

Sincerely,

  
Ernest S. Leiser  
Senior Producer

Mr. Thomas L. Wiseman  
Special Agent, F.B.I.  
Room 5435  
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Washington, D.C. 20535

cc Mr. Volney Brown, U.S. Department of Justice  
Mr. Allen Shaklan, CBS