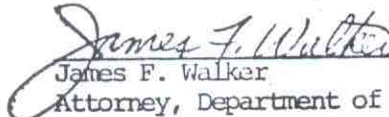


Memorandum for the File

On September 23, 1976, I telephoned Attorney General Hugh Stanton, Jr., State of Tennessee and requested copies of records in Memphis Police Department records which are in the possession of his office. Specifically, I requested copies of: (1) the Homicide Report relating to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and (2) the report relating to information given the Memphis Police by Philip Manuel regarding a threat on the life of police officer Edward E. Redditt.

Mr. Stanton inquired whether I had subpoena power as he was reluctant to release any documents from the records in question. I informed Mr. Stanton that at this point we were attempting to secure information on a cooperative basis. Mr. Stanton said he was not saying that he would not give us copies in the absence of a subpoena. He then suggested that we make a formal request in writing for the records. When he receives the formal request, he will discuss the matter with the Memphis Chief of Police, since the records are actually theirs. He will then advise us accordingly.

  
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