

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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King

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TO : Michael E. Shaheen, Jr.,
Counsel, Office of Professional
Responsibility

DATE:

FROM : *[Signature]*
Fred G. Folsom, Leader
Martin Luther King, Jr., Task Force

SUBJECT: Task Force Access to FBI Files

I have just been notified by our Bureau liason that the Task Force has been denied access to an informant file which we had requested. This informant was attached to the Atlanta Field Office and played a critical role in obtaining information about King for the FBI [redacted]. It is important in ascertaining the character of the Bureau's investigation of King that we be familiar with the Bureau's directions to and the extent of the actions taken by this informant. The Bureau's objection is unjustified particularly in light of the fact that the identity of the informant has already become known to us through our review of the SCLC file. Also, we do not plan to contact the informant without discussion with the Bureau and the prior approval from the Attorney General.

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The denial of access is also untimely. We are traveling to Atlanta on Monday, November 8 and had planned to review the field office file for this informant in conjunction with our review of other matters relating to the SCLC.

We would ask again that a resolution of this matter be made on an expedited basis.

*Hofis turned Bureau around Nov. 5.
Blacksburg satisfied.*

