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FROM: Michael E. Shaheen, Jr., Counsel

Office of Professional Responsibility

Attorneys representing both Mrs. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the estate of the late Dr. King have requested the Department to permit them 1) access to all materials provided to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence relating to Dr. King, and/or 2) access to all Department and FBI files relating to Dr. King and 3) the right to participate in the full Department and Bureau review of Dr. King's assassination, the Bureau's investigation of that assassination, and the Bureau's program of harassment against Dr. King presently being undertaken by this Office at the express order of the Attorney General.

The Attorney General has requested that this Office invite your advice and written views on the legal implications that would attend granting any of the three broad requests made by the Attorneys for the King family.

Please forward your views to this Office by early next week so we may transmit them to the Attorney General for his review and subsequent discussion.

cc: Jack Fuller

