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To: ADIC, New York

1 - Mr. Mintz
Attn: Mr. Matthews

From: Director, FBI

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION-PRIVACY ACTS (FOIPA)
REQUEST OF HAROLD WEISBERG CONCERNING THE
ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Enclosed for your information is one copy of captioned FOIPA request. Your attention is specifically directed to page 3, item 11 of this request, concerning electronic surveillance of James Earl Ray.

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Review the pertinent logs and/or transcripts of these surveillances to ascertain whether they relate to James Earl Ray, a subject of the Martin Luther King Assassination investigation. Copies of the logs and/or transcripts identifiable with Ray should be forwarded to FBIHQ, Attention: FOIPA Branch, for processing. Additionally, you are requested to search all pertinent indices to determine whether your files contain any additional logs and/or transcripts pertaining to the electronic surveillance of James Earl Ray.

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For your assistance, the following descriptive data on James Earl Ray is set forth: white male; DOB: March 10, 1928; POB: Alton or Quincy, Illinois; FBI #405-942-G. You should note that James Earl Ray was arrested June 8, 1968, and has been incarcerated from that date to the present time. //

Enclosure

NOTE: Under item 11 on page 3 of his request, Harold Weisberg lists the names of 23 persons regarding whom he requests any record of or reflecting any surveillance of these persons in connection with the Murkin investigation. Of these persons, only pertinent information pertaining to four of these individuals will be processed. They are Weisberg himself, James Earl Ray, who has submitted a privacy waiver, James Lesar, who is attorney for both Weisberg and Ray and Judge Preston Battle, who is deceased. A search of FBIHQ ELSUR indices disclosed records which may be identical with James Earl Ray who is a subject of this request and further to search pertinent indices to determine if there are any additional surveillance records in that office which pertains to James Earl Ray. //