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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

I have postponed acknowledging your letter of March 20, 1978, raising with me the desire I expressed to you to have myself and Mr. Eberhardt sit down and chat with you about your knowledge of the Ray case, because I was not sure in my own mind what would be proper in light of your expressed reservations.

On reflection, I do not think it would be appropriate for Mr. Eberhardt and me to discuss the Ray case with you. Appearances are sometimes just as important as reality. While you can rest assured that Mr. Eberhardt and I would not ask you to engage in any unethical conduct or permit you to do so, even if you were so inclined, nevertheless, I am sure that it would appear to many that our interviewing you would be improper under the circumstances of your relationship to James Earl Ray, a relationship that I was not aware of when I called you.

While I do not think it would be proper for us to interview you, I would extend to you an invitation to draw to the Committee's attention any matters that you think you can, consistent with your obligations to Mr. Ray. I know that you must share my concern that the work of the Committee go forward and that the truth, insofar as it is humanly possible, be established. I would, therefore, appreciate any assistance that you feel free to provide us.

Sincerely,



G. Robert Blakey
Chief Counsel and Director

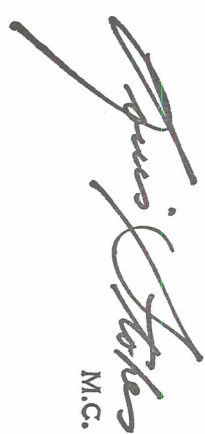
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