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Request for Access to Materials Relating to
Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Attorney General asked me to send you the attached material for your comments. The immediate issue is whether representatives of the estate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. should be given access to materials pertaining to Dr. King which have been provided to the Church Committee. A second issue is whether representatives of the estate should be given access to materials about Dr. King that were not provided to the Church Committee.

As you can see from the attached memoranda, one question involves whether the King family request should be given priority over pending Freedom of Information and Privacy Act requests. Since the decision in this matter could affect the program of disclosure to COINTELPRO victims, the Attorney General wanted your recommendation.

It would be helpful if you gave some priority to this since we are under some time pressure in making a decision.