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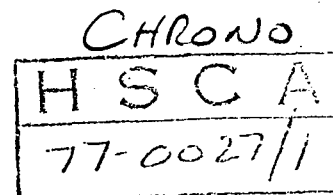
MEMORANDUM FOR: Douglas T. Cummins
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FROM          :  Maurice A. Sovern
                 O/SA/DO/O

SUBJECT       :  Department of Justice Inquiry
                 Martin Luther King, Jr. Task
                 Force

REFERENCE     :  OGC Letter, DOJ, Same Subject,
                 14 December 1976 (attached)


    1.   As recently noted in the press, the
Department of Justice has made public the results
of the inquiry by a Task Force of the Office of
Professional Responsibility of the Department of
Justice.  The Task Force reviewed CIA materials
on the extent and nature of the FBI/CIA contacts
concerning the Reverend King.

    2.   On 17 December 1976, a five member
security-cleared team from the Department of
Justice, consisting of Messrs. Fred G. Folson,
Task Force Leader, Joseph F. Gross, James R.
Kieckhefer, James F. Walker and William D. White,
reviewed the DDO and DDA/OS material.

    3.   In conversation with the OGC (Jameson),
we are advised that no further use is required
for our material by the Department of Justice.

    4.   We recognize that despite its public
tribulation, the House Select Committee on
assassinations has been created and will most
likely want to review material in CIA files on
both the Kennedy and King assassinations.

    5.   In conversation with Mr. Cummins of OLC
and Mr. John Leader of the IG Staff, it was agreed
that we would continue to hold the sanitized
King material which was prepared for the Justice
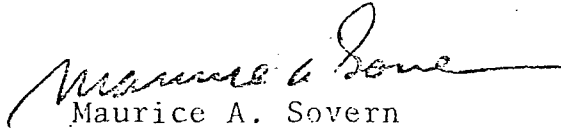investigation for possible eventual review by

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investigators from the House Select Committee on Assassinations. It is recognized, however, that this material will be rereviewed prior to our making it available to any cleared House investigators. It is also noted for the record that much of the King material in our file is FBI material on loan to this Agency; therefore, further coordination with the owning agency would have to be accomplished before non-CIA access to the material is permitted.

Maurice A. Sovern

Attachment

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