

I write, first, to assure you that Mr. Weisberg will pay the necessary search and reproduction costs but he does not waive his right to recover them.

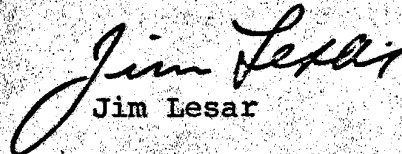
I note, however, that when CBS News requested some of the same records sought by Mr. Weisberg, the search fees were waived.

I also advise you that I know of two Freedom of Information lawsuits where well-known millionaires have not been charged a cent by the Department of Justice for searching for the records requested by them. This contrasts glaringly with the treatment accorded my client, who can ill afford such fees, and is an affront to the spirit and meaning of the Freedom of Information Act.

Secondly, I ask you to state your agreement with the assurance Mr. Volney Brown gave me last summer that Mr. Weisberg will be allowed to examine and select those documents and photographs he wants copied, rather than your foisting upon him, sight unseen, whatever you may determine to be within the purview of his request.

Thirdly, I ask that you select a date on which Mr. Weisberg will be allowed to examine the photographs and records which he has requested. I believe Mr. Weisberg will be able to examine these records on any day between March 1 and March 6, or on March 15. I would appreciate it very much if you could advise me at the earliest possible time which date you prefer.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jim Lesar

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Assistant Attorney General  
**Civil Rights Division**

DATE: **March 29, 1976**  
**Attn: Mr. Robert A. Murphy**

FROM : Director, FBI

SUBJECT: **ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.**

Reference is made to \_\_\_\_\_ memorandum dated \_\_\_\_\_  
(your file \_\_\_\_\_).

There is enclosed one copy of the report of Special Agent **Thomas J. Wilson**  
dated **3/23/76** at **Atlanta**.

A. ☐ This covers the preliminary investigation and no further action concerning a full investigation will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

B. ☐ The investigation is continuing and you will be furnished copies of reports as they are received.

C. ☐ The investigation requested by you has now been completed. Unless advised to the contrary no further inquiries will be made by this Bureau.

D. ☐ Pursuant to instructions issued by the Department, no investigation will be conducted in this matter unless specifically directed by the Department.

E. ☒ Please advise whether you desire any further investigation.

F. ☐ This is submitted for your information and you will be advised of further developments.

G. ☐ This is submitted for your information and no further investigation will be conducted unless specifically requested by the Department.

H. ☐ This covers the receipt of a complaint and no further action will be taken by this Bureau unless the Department so directs.

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**Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division**

**NOTE:**           Reference is made to a conversation between  
                    Departmental Attorney Robert A. Murphy and  
Special Agent Hal N. Helterhoff on March 11, 1976, wherein  
Mr. Murphy advised that Godfrey's attorney informed him that  
Godfrey will not be made available for any further interview.  
Mr. Murphy advised he would review this matter to determine  
if there is any other logical investigation to be conducted and  
would advise if a decision is made to present this matter to a  
federal grand jury.

1 - Mr. J. B. Adams  
1 - Mr. T. J. Jenkins  
1 - Mr. D. W. Moore

Mr. T. W. Leavitt

3/25/76

J. G. Deegan

1 - Mr. R. J. Gallagher  
(Attn: J. S. Peelman)  
1 - Mr. J. A. Mintz  
1 - Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
1 - Mr. J. G. Deegan  
1 - Mr. S. F. Phillips

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

*Murkin*

PURPOSE: To advise of the apparent termination of the Department's study of Bureau files to determine whether investigation of the Martin Luther King, Jr., assassination should be reopened.

SYNOPSIS: On 3/24/76 Robert Murphy of the Department requested additional documents to complete the Department's study to determine if our investigation of the assassination of King should be reopened. Indicating he had recently reviewed the Senate Intelligence Committee's draft report on King, Murphy requested documents bearing primarily on our actions to discredit and neutralize King, an area which he will apparently take cognizance of in his summary and recommendations to Assistant Attorney General (AAG) Pottinger, Civil Rights Division (CRD). Murphy indicated his review of additional documents on 3/24/76 would end the Department's study.

RECOMMENDATION: None. For information.

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DETAILS: You have been previously advised that under the direction of Pottinger, the Department has been reviewing our Headquarters files on King and related matters to study whether or not the investigation of the assassination of King should be reopened. One of the principal reviewers, Robert Murphy, Chief of Criminal Section, CRD, has stated his summary will also take cognizance of FBI actions to discredit King.

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Memorandum to Mr. T. W. Leavitt  
Re: Martin Luther King, Jr.

On 3/24/76 Murphy advised he had recently reviewed the Senate Intelligence Committee's draft report concerning King and, based upon footnotes in that draft, discovered a number of FBI documents which he desired to review prior to completing his summary. Murphy requested to see approximately 40 documents concerning dissemination of King monographs, dissemination of information outside the Executive Branch of Government, plans to discredit and neutralize King, alleged existence of a foreign bank account of King and documents relating to communist influence in the racial movement.

These documents were made available to Murphy who reviewed same on 3/24/76 and indicated this action would complete the Department's study.

None of the documents requested on 3/24/76 pertained to any aspect of our investigation of King's assassination. Based on the nature of the above documents requested and reviewed by Murphy, it appears knowledge of the Senate Intelligence Committee's report dictated additional review pertaining to our actions to discredit and neutralize King.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. J. B. Adams

DATE: 3/16/76

FROM : Legal Counsel

SUBJECT: INQUIRY FROM WARREN BROWN,  
WASHINGTON POST REPORTER

Assoc. Dir. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Telephone Rm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Director Sec'y \_\_\_\_\_

The purpose of this memorandum is to report that at 4:00 p.m. on March 16, 1976, Dennis Miller of the Office of Congressional Affairs, received a telephone call from a man who identified himself as Warren Brown, a reporter for the Washington Post. Brown stated he had heard a rumor that the Justice Department was going to reopen the investigation of the death of Martin Luther King, Jr., and that the FBI would not be asked by the Justice Department to conduct the investigation because of recently disclosed improprieties conducted by the Bureau with respect to Dr. King. Brown asked if Miller knew if the rumor were true.

Miller responded that he did not know if the rumor were true and suggested a comment about decisions to be made by the Department of Justice should come from the Department. Miller suggested Brown contact the Public Information Officer in the Department.

Miller also advised Brown press inquiries in the Bureau generally are handled by the External Affairs Division.

## RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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- 1 - Mr. Moore
- 1 - Mr. Mintz
- 1 - Mr. Daly
- 1 - Mr. Miller

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## APPROVED:

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Dep. AD Adm. \_\_\_\_\_  
Dep. AD Inv. \_\_\_\_\_  
Asst. Dir.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Admin. \_\_\_\_\_

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