PARTMENT OF JUSTICE Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Stephen J. Pollak Assistant Attorney General ... Civil Rights Division Unknown subjects; Dr. Martin (O SUBJECT: Luther King, Jr., Victim; Conspiracy Against Rights, ... CIVIL RIGHTS I have been advised by telephone that Dr. Martin Luther King was this date shot and wounded by an unidentified person or persons in Memphis, Tennessee, where he traveled to lead a demonstration march scheduled for April 8, 1968. Please conduct a full investigation into a possible violation of 18 U.S.C. 241 and keep me currently advised of all developments.

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, THE NOVEMBER 23, 1976
EDITION OF THE "COMMERCIAL APPEAL", A DAILY NEWSPAPER AT
MEMPHIS, PEFLECTS THAT INVESTIGATORS FOR THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ARE
CURRENTLY IN MEMPHIS REVIEWING RECORDS OF THE KING MURDER WHICH
ARE NOW IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
ATTORNEY GENERAL. SUBPOENAS HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN SERVED ON THE
SHELBY COUNTY ATTORNEY GENERAL.

TO DATE, THIS OFFICE HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH THE HOUSE COMMITTEE INVESTIGATORS.

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

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To furnish comments by the Civil Rights Section, General Investigative Division (GID), as to Committee access to the Civil Rights investigation into the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Bufile 44-38861).

SYNOPSIS: House Select Committee on Assassinations has requested access to FBI files and Department of Justice files concerning the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (copy of Committee letter attached). Legal Counsel Division has requested comments from GID re Committee access. (Copy of Legal Counsel memorandum attached.) Dr. King was assassinated on 4/4/68 and the FBI conducted an immediate Civil Rights investigation per the request of the Department. Our investigative results were furnished to the Department and based upon the authority from the Department, certain pertinent investigative results were furnished to the State of Tennessee authorities. James Earl Ray pled guilty on 3/10/69 to the murder of Dr. King before a state court in Tennessee and presently is in local confinement. In November, 1975, the Attorney General directed Assistant Attorneys General Pottinger and Thornburgh to review the files relating to Martin Luther King and make a recommendation as to whether the assassination case should be reopened. In April, 1976, the Attorney General requested the Department's Office of Professional Responsibilit (OPR) to complete the review of all records re Dr. King. The Department's OPR still has this King matter under review. Any decision relative to Committee access to the Civil Rights assassination investigation of Dr. King rests within the province of the Department. The Department should also be advised that in making its decision it should also consider:

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(1) What authority the Committee has to request access; (2) What effect access would have on the local prosecution and the rights of Ray who has his case under appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court. ("Washington Post" article re his appeal attached); (3) What effect Committee access would have on privacy of those individuals who furnished information in a criminal case; (4) If Department grants access, it should oppose disclosing identity of informants or persons who furnished information on a confidential basis and (5) What action it intends to take to obtain third-agency clearance including foreign Governments; (6) The decision to furnish an itemization of material turned over to another agency remains within the province of the Department; (7) The FBI has not prepared any summary of the King assassination investigative results other than that contained on the summary (synopsis) pages of each report and a report containing a prosecutive Summary; (8) The Civil Rights Section recommends no meeting with staff members until Department makes its decision.

RECOMMENDATION: That these comments of the Civil Rights
Section be furnished to the Criminal Section of
the GID (attention Mr. Len S. Burton), which section is
coordinating the overall GID response to this matter.

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APPROVED:

Assoc. Dir.

DETAILS: The House Select Committee on Assassinations has requested access to FBI files and Department of Justice files concerning the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Committee letter attached). The Legal Counsel Division has requested comments of the GID as to the Committee's access to these files. (copy of Legal Counsel memorandum attached). The Civil Rights assassination investigation of Dr. King is located in Bufile 44-38861.

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Dr. King was shot to death by an assassin's bullet while standing on a balcony of a motel in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4/4/68. The U. S. Department of Justice requested the FBI to conduct an immediate Civil Rights investigation into this assassination which was confirmed in writing by a letter from Stephen J. Pollak, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, to the Director of the FBI, which requested a full investigation into a possible violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241, (possible conspiracy to violate the Civil Rights of Dr. King, namely, the right to travel interstate.)

The FBI conducted an extensive, exhaustive investigation into this assassination and James Earl Ray was identified as the assassin. Our investigative results were furnished to the Civil Rights Division, U. S. Department of Justice, and based upon the authority of the Department, certain pertinent investigative results were furnished to the appropriate local authorities in the State of Tennessee. On 3/10/69, in state court, Memphis, Tennessee, Ray entered a plea of guilty to charges of the murder of King and received a 99-year sentence. Ray is presently in local confinement.

By letter dated 12/4/75, the Attorney General of the United States advised that on 11/24/75, he directed Assistant Attorneys General J. Stanley Pottinger and Richard L. Thornburgh to review the files relating to Martin Luther King at once in the light of recent testimony, and make a recommendation as to whether the assassination case should be reopened. The Department had complete access to the Civil Rights assassination investigative file during its review.

On 4/29/76, the Attorney General of the United States issued the following news release:

"I have directed the Office of Professional Responsibility, headed by Michael Shaheen, to complete a review of all records in the Department of Justice concerning the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The Civil Rights Division, under the personal direction of Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger, completed on April 9 a five-month preliminary review.

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of files at FBI headquarters. As a result of this preliminary review, the Civil Rights Division has recommended that the review be carried forward to completion with an additional examination of records at FBI headquarters and field offices. It is believed that more than 200,000 documents may be involved.

On the basis of this preliminary review, Assistant Attorney General Pottinger stated that his tentative conclusions were (1) there was no basis to believe that the FBI in any way caused the death of Dr. King, (2) no evidence was discovered that the FBI investigation of the assassination of Dr. King was not thorough and honest, and (3) instances were found indicating that the FBI undertook a systematic program of harassment of Dr. King in order to discredit him and harm both him and the movement he led.

In ordering on April 26 the complete review by Mr. Shaheen, I directed that the investigation be completed forthwith and that answers to four specific questions be furnished to me and FBI Director Clarance M. Kelley on the basis of the review of all documents:

-- Whether the FBI investigation of Dr. King's assassination was thorough and honest;

-- Whether there is any evidence that the FBI was involved in the assassination of Dr. King;

-- Whether, in light of the first two matters, there is any new evidence which has come to the attention of the Department concerning the assassination of Dr. King;

-- Whether the nature of the relationship between the Bureau and Dr. King calls for criminal prosecutions, disciplinary proceedings, or other appropriate action.

Mr. Pottinger pointed out that the Civil Rights Division has been continuously investigating allegations concerning the assassination of Dr. King as these allegations come to the attention of the Department."

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The Department's OPR still has this matter under review and has had complete access to the Civil Rights assassination investigative files both at FBIHQ and in all of our field offices.

The decision as to what access, if any, the Committee has to the FBI file on the Civil Rights assassination of Dr. King, therefore, rests entirely within the province of the Department of Justice. The Department should also be advised that in making its decision relative to Committee access, it should also consider the following:

- (1) The Department should determine what authority the Committee has to request access to the Civil Rights assassination investigation of Dr. King. For example, is it requesting such access for a specific legislative interest? If not, such access by the Committee could be construed by some as an effort by a legislative body to act as a "grand jury" even though James Earl Ray has already been processed through the court system;
- (2) The Department should determine what effect any such Committee access to our investigative results in the Civil Rights assassination investigation of Dr. King (including the physical evidence, FBI Laboratory and Identification reports, etc.) would have on the local prosecution of James Earl Ray and upon the rights of Mr. Ray, who has recently appealed his conviction to the U. S. Supreme Court. ("Washington Post" article re appeal attached). If necessary, the Department should resolve this with the State of Tennessee authorities and with Mr. Ray's counsel;
- (3) The Department should determine what effect any such access would have on the privacy of those individuals who furnished information to the FBI in a criminal case the FBI was investigating (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 241);
- (4) If the Department grants access to the Committee, it should oppose disclosing the identity of any informants or persons who furnished information on an expressed confidential basis;

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(5) If the Department grants Committee access, the Department should advise what action it intends to take to obtain third-agency clearance including obtaining authority from those foreign Governments which furnished investigative results, such as Canada (where Mr. Ray stayed and obtained a passport) and London (where Mr. Ray was captured);

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- (6) The decision to furnish an itemization of any material which has been turned over to any other individual or agency remains within the province of the Department. For instance, certain material was turned over to the State of Tennessee authorities based upon the authority of the Department and the Department would have to make a decision as to whether this itemization could be made available to the Committee. Other material from our files has also been made available pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act;
- (7) The FBI has not prepared any summary of the Civil Rights investigation of the assassination of Dr. King. Neither the Civil Rights Division nor the OPR requested such a summary during its review. Each investigative report contains a summary (synopsis) page and a prosecutive summary report and a non-prosecutive summary report were also previously prepared. There is, of course, extensive public source information available concerning this matter;
- (8) Inasmuch as any Committee access to the Civil Rights investigation of the assassination of Dr. King remains within the province of the Department, the Civil Rights Section of the GID recommends that no meeting be held re the Civil Rights investigation with staff members of the Committee until the Departmen makes its decision in this matter.

These comments of the Civil Rights Section of the GID are in no way intended to be obstructive but it is felt the Department must resolve these issues before it can make a determination as to whether or not it will grant Committee access to the Civil Rights investigative file on the assassination of Dr. King.

J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher Memo Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

ADDENDUM: LEGAL COUNSEL DIVISION PVD:mcz 11/12/76

As to the questions raised by the General Investigative Division in this memorandum, Legal Counsel Division makes the following observations:

The authority of a committee of Congress to make a request for information is derived from the authority to seek information to fulfill a legislative function, and in this instance this particular committee is acting pursuant to a resolution of the House of Representatives. The more critical question rather than the authority for the request is the kind of information the committee will receive, and it is for this reason that the standards set forth in the agreement between the Attorney General and the Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Frank Church, are being used to govern this question.

The possibility, of course, could be raised that the Select Committee on Assassinations is not a properly constituted Committee in that it has been created to serve a legislative function, but it is not believed advisable nor desirable to raise this particular issue since there would appear to be little hope of obtaining support in the Department or elsewhere in such a challenge.

Concerning the invasion of privacy "of those individuals who furnished information in a criminal case." It should be noted the Privacy Act does not preclude or prohibit responding to a légitimate request of a committee of Congress. The question of protecting identity of informants, persons who furnished information on a confidential basis, raised in this memorandum is addressed in the aforementioned agreement between Senator Church and the Attorney General which is governing the furnishing of information to this committee and provides for the protection of the identities of such people. The third agency rule providing for clearance prior to the furnishing of information to the Committee will also be followed.

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J. S. Peelman to Mr. Gallagher Memo
Re: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE
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The problem presented by the fact James Earl Ray was convicted of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr., may be currently appealing his conviction is known to the Department, and Larry Callaghan, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, has indicated this factor will not preclude committee access to the information involved.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

That the captioned Committee be granted access to the information they seek, governed by the agreement with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities.

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# Ray Appeals Conviction in King Murder

#### Associated Press

James Earl Ray, convicted killer of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., asked the Supreme Court yesterday to review his case, claiming he was "set up to take the rap for a crime he didn't commit."

Ray's appeal said he was "framed by the FBI and local police, and then coerced by his own attorney to plead guilty against his will."

James H. Lesar, the Washington attorney representing Ray, wrote in asking the court to review Ray's conviction: "The charge is that those who did kill Dr. King are still at large, protected in part by the unwillingness of the courts to face these unpleasant facts.

The petition did not mention an investigation recently begun by the House into the assassinations of King and President Kennedy.

King was killed by a rifle blast as he stood on a motel balcony in Memphis in 1968.

Ray was arrested in London and brought back to the United States to stand trial. He pleaded guilty.

In his petition, Ray, now an inmate serving a life term in the Tennessee state penitentiary, said a thorough review of his conviction is needed because potential conflicts of interest between two of his attorneys denied him "effective assistance of counsel." Ray was represented originally by attorneys Arthur Hanes and Percy Foremen

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

#### PURPOSE:

To advise of receipt of a letter addressed to the Attorney General dated 11/2/76 (copy attached), from Chairman of captioned Committee, for review of FBI files and Department of Justice files concerning the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy (JFK) and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (MLK).

#### DETAILS:

Chairman Thomas Downing by letter dated I1/2/76, addressed to the Attorney General, requested, inter alia, access to FBI and Department of Justice files concerning the FBI's investigation into the assassinations of JFK and MLK. Additionally they asked for an itemization of all such material in the possession of either the Department or the FBI that may have been transferred to another individual or agency and a summary of both investigations.

As to their access to FBT files, it is believed they should be granted access to the same extent that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities was granted. This position is consistent with what we understand has been in Departmental discussions with the Committee concerning this matter. Such access would include deletions or excisions of material which might disclose informants, sensitive sources or methods and involve obtaining third-agency clearance.

As to the portions of the request including an Itemization of the material in the FBI's possession, it is believed that this particular topic should be discussed with representatives of the Committee so that an understanding as to the needs of the Committee and the ability of the Bureau to comply can be met.

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Legal Counsel to the Associate Director RE: HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS

### RECORDENDATIONS:

(1) That the General Investigative Division in coordination with the Intelligence Division furnish their comments as to Committee access to PBI files.

(2) That the Office of Congressional Affairs in coordination with the General Investigative and Intelligence Divisions furnish a response to the Department concerning access to the files requested including a recommendation for a meeting with staff members to clear up questions they might have.

(3) That the Intelligence and General Investigative Divisions designate a supervisor to be a contact point for responses to Committee requests and advise Office of Congressional Affairs, Legal Counsel Division.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Legislative Affairs

November 3, 1976

To: Paul Daly

From: Mike Uhlmann

Please send your recommendation regarding President Kennedy's files to my attention.

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Honorable Edward Levy : Attorney General of the United States Department of Justice Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The House Select Committee on Assassinations is interested in examining all the material relating to the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which is in the possession or control of the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The Committee is also interested in obtaining an itemization of all such material that has been in the possession of either the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation but which has been turned over to any other individual or agency.

We are most interested in immediately obtaining a summary report of the investigations of both assassinations which has been prepared by either the Department of Justice or the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

I will appreciate it if you will advise me of the most expeditious manner for the staff of my Committee to gain access to those files.

 I shall look forward to hearing from you. With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely.

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RESCIEL NOVEMBER 24, 1976, AND SALT LAKE CITY TELETYPES NOVEMBER 29, 1976, AND DECEMBER 1, 1976.

REFERENCED SACRAMENTO TELETYPE ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

"ALFRED WILLIAM MARTINEZ, 807 GREENWOOD AVE., SACRAMENTO, CA, PHONE 372-0780, NOW ON PROBATION, ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY 11/23/76 THAT IN 1966-67 HE WAS IN SALT LAKE CITY COUNTY JAIL WITH BILL SIMPONIS AGE NOW ABOUT 66 IF ALIVE, ON BURGLARY CHARGE, CHARGE AGAINST SIMPONIS POSSIBLY ROBBERY, AND MARTINEZ TBOTE LETTERS TO JAMES HARL RAY IN MEMPHIS, TENN. FOR SIMPONIS

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JOB. MARTINEZ COULDN'T GET CLOTHES AND MONEY FOR TRAVEL
SO HE NEVER WENT. MARTINEZ SAID ONLY SIMPONIS WOULD KNOW
IF THERE WAS ANY CONNECTION WITH KING'S DEATH.

SALT LAKE CITY IDENTIFY SIMPONIS AND INTERVIEW RE ABOVE."

SALT LAKE CITY DETERMINED FROM RECORDS OF SALT LAKE

COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE THAT WILLIAM SIMPONIS, FBI NUMBER

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DATE OF BIRTH	AND ALFRED WILLIAM
MARTINEZ, FBI NUMBER DATE OF	BIRTH
PREVIOUSLY INCARCERATED AT SALT LAKE	COUNTY JAIL. BASED ON
A REVIEW OF THE RECORDS, IT APPEARS T	THE ONLY TIME SIMPONIS
AND MARTINEZ WERE INCARCERATED TOGETH	HER AT THE SALT LAKE
COUNTY JAIL WAS FROM EITHER JANUARY 2	29, 1968 TO MARCH 2, 1968,
OR FROM FEBRUARY 13, 1968 TO MARCH 2,	, 1968. THE JAIL MAIN-
TAINS NO RECORDS OF PRISONER'S CORRES	SPONDENCE DURING THAT
PERIOD.	

FBI IDENTIFICATION RECORDS REFLECT WILLIAM SIMPONIS

DIED ON JULY 14, 1968 AT MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS,

SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI. BUFILES 26-357906 AND 26-367222,

SALT LAKE CITY FILE 26-25319 REFLECT SIMPONIS SUBJECT OF

INTERSTATE TRANSPORTATION OF STOLEN MOTOR VEHICLE CASES

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IN 1965 AND 1966. BUFILES CONTAINS NO INFORMATION IDENTIFIABLE WITH MARTINEZ.

SACRAMENTO REINTERVIEW MARTINEZ IN DEPTH CONCERNING
HIS ALLEGATIONS, AND DETERMINE IF HE IS IDENTICAL WITH
MARTINEZ, DATE OF BIRTH NOTING RECORDS OF
SALT LAKE COUNTY JAIL REPLECT THIS MARTINEZ WAS NOT
INCARCERATED THERE WITH SIMPONIS IN 1966-1967. DETERMINE
CONTENTS OF LETTERS HE ALLEGEDLY WROTE TO JAMES EARL RAY
FOR SIMPONIS. DETERMINE IF HE CLAIMS THIS IS THE SAME
JAMES EARL RAY AS THE SUBJECT OF THIS CASE AND, IF SO, HOW
HE MAKES THIS DETERMINATION. DETERMINE IF HE RECALLS
SPECIFIC ADDRESS TO WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY SENT THE LETTERS.
DETERMINE HOW AND WHERE MARTINEZ WOULD HAVE CONTACTED RAY
IF HE HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN CLOTHES AND MONEY FOR TRAVEL.
ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN ANY INFORMATION FROM MARTINEZ WHICH WOULD
CORROBORATE HIS ALLEGATIONS.

KANSAS CITY AT SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, REVIEW RECORDS

OF SIMPONIS AT MEDICAL CENTER FOR FEDERAL PRISONERS INCLUDING

DETERMINING CAUSE OF HIS DEATH.

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MEMPHIS REVIEW INDICES AND FILFS CONCERNING ANY PRIOR INFORMATION ON SIMPONIS AND MARTINEZ.

ALL OFFICES SUTEL SUMMARY RESULTS, FOLLOW BY LHM.

SALT LAKE CITY SUBMIT LIM REPORTING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED

AT SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

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 $\overline{\text{NOTE}}$ : This is the Civil Rights assassination investigation of Martin Luther King, who was killed on 4/4/68 in Memphis, Tennessee. James Earl Ray pled guilty to this murder and presently is in local confinement.

Alfred William Martinez has made allegations that while incarcerated with Simponis in 1966-1967, he wrote letters to James Earl Ray in Memphis, Tennessee, for Simponis and Simponis told Martinez to go to Memphis when he got out and contact Ray to pull off a big job. Martinez states he never went. This instructs appropriate offices to conduct additional investigation to resolve these allegations. On 11/30/76, Fred G. Folsom, Jr., Task Force Leader, Office of Professional Responsibility, United States Department of Justice, which office is presently reviewing our investigation of King, was advised of these allegations by Martinez and that we would be conducting certain investigation to resolve these allegations, and he concurred.

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# Memorandum

o : , DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

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SUBJECT:

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Re Bureau airtel to WFO dated 11/12/76.

Docket of U. S. Supreme Court showed:

Case Number:

76-5508

Title of Case:

JAMES EARL RAY vs. Warden

J. H. ROSE

Petition filed on 10/7/76.

Brief for respondent in opposition filed 11/22/76. Distributed 11/26/76.

The petition contained no serious allegations against the FBI.

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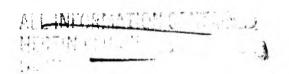
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SAC, NEW ORLEANS (100-16800) (RUC)

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In response to Bureau nitel dated 8/6/76, requesting monthly reports on manpower spent on Departmental review of New Orleans FBI files on captioned subject, New Orleans reports no such activity since last reported.

UACB, no further monthly submissions will be made by New Orleans, until subsequent activity is directed and undertaken in this matter.

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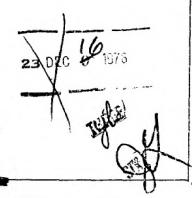
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RE BOSTON II NOVEMBER 11, 1976.

DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1975, NO COSTS WERE INCURRED IN THE BOSTON OFFICE IN REGARD TO ABOVE-CAPTIONED MATTER. BT

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Re Bureau airtel to all SACs, 8/6/76; Bureau teletype to all SACs, 10/5/76; and Philadelphia letter to Bureau, 11/9/76.

The following is provided per request in Bureau teletype, 8/6/76:

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MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW; COST DATA.

RE BUREAU NITEL, AUGUST 6, 1976, AND CULUMBIA TELETYPE TO BUREAU, NOVEMBER 4, 1976.

IN COURDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS SET FORTH IN BUREAU NITEL AUGUST 6. 1976. THE FULLOWING STATISTICAL INFORMATION BEING FURNISHED FOR PERIOD ENDING NOVEMBER 30.1976:

1. MANPOWER UTILIZATION: NONE

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-106670)

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FROM:

SAC, TAMPA (157-3231) (RUG)

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DEPARTMENTAL REVIEW COST DATA

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Re Bureau teletype, dated 8/6/76.

Following data submitted re costs at Tampa 11/1/76, through 11/30/76:

- 1. Manpower none.
- 2. Unusual Costs none.

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SUBJECT:

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The Las Vegas Office expended no man power and no unusual or out-of-the-ordinary costs during the month of November, 1976, in connection with captioned matter.

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