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Honorable Jack Kingston
Member of Congress
Suite 102
6605 Abercorn Street
Savannah, Georgia 31405

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Dear Congressman Kingston:

I am writing in response to your July 18th communication on behalf of Mr. Stephen E. Shearhouse. Mr. Shearhouse had contacted you regarding an examination of the bullets from the gun belonging to Mr. James Earl Ray.

Although the FBI laboratory conducted a related examination in 1968 during the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., it is my understanding that the present examination is being conducted by three independent examiners. I also understand that the Shelby County, Tennessee, District Attorney's Office has in the past investigated information provided to that Office by Mr. Ray's attorney. The FBI is not involved in any such past or present investigation.

I hope this information will be helpful to you in responding to Mr. Shearhouse.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Collingwood
Inspector in Charge
Office of Public and
Congressional Affairs

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By: A. Robert Walsh
Acting Unit Chief

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NOTE: Response based on information provided by Unit Chief Paul F. Schrecker, Firearms/Toolmarks Unit, Laboratory Division, and replies to prior inquiries relating to the investigation of the assassination of Dr. King.

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