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The Civil Rights Division has reviewed the Report of the House Select Committee On Assassinations to determine whether any further Departmental investigation should be conducted in the Martin Luther King case. Our analysis reveals that no such investigation is warranted.

In its Report, the Committee concluded that while there was a "likelihood that the assassination of Dr. King was the result of a conspiracy", without additional concrete evidence, a more definite statement could not be made. The Committee noted that it was unfortunate that the possible involvement of the brothers of James Earl Ray and certain right-wing extremists in St. Louis was not developed in 1968 when the principals were still alive (the St. Louis principals are now deceased) and witness' memories were more precise. However, it suggested no new avenues for additional investigation and our analysis of the Report reveals no feasible areas for such a probe.

Accordingly, the House Judiciary Committee should be informed that no further official investigation is warranted in the King case.

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