

John [unclear] Jr.  
April 14, 1968

Dear Sir:

I live in Starkville, Miss but am working in Fla. - was at home when King was assassinated. Last Sunday (April 7) an idea suddenly came to me so very clearly about the slaying, that I can't help but believe it was revealed as a "vision," altho I don't believe in such.

I firmly believe now that King said someone to kill him so he would

go down in history as a martyr. His program had lost some of its speed + thrust, he had been to Memphis the week before + had discovered even he couldn't bring violence out of a march. I believe he returned to Atlanta and tried a man to follow him to Memphis the next week.

Listen again to the speech he made on his wife before his death. He all but tells

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The crowd I won't be there any. Abernethy  
reminded me had never heard him make a  
speech like that. Why did King sign the  
night in a \$13.00 room and on the second  
floor, where there was a balcony? He was  
before he had been at the Ruermost at 29  
a day. Everyone knows he was used to the  
best of everything.

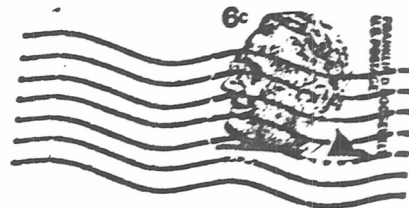
Why did the men wait until five o'clock  
to go and get the gun? Was it because he  
knew King would be on that balcony between  
6 & 6:15? King didn't have to go out for a  
"breath of air" as it was chilly that night  
I remember because it was also very cool  
at home and we had the heat on a little.

The slayer is evidently someone who lives  
in or around Atlanta, someone King met  
between the two visits to Memphis!

I won't sign my name as the people  
she talked with think I'm a nut but  
a few agree with me. One said she thought  
King meant for the man only to wound him.

Sincerely,

A reader of the Commercial Appeal



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