

## Hunt for King's Killer Still Fumbling

THE MONTH-LONG hunt for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King goes on with reports of a map linked to the killing, rumors that the killer may be in Australia and another statement by Attorney General Ramsey Clark that an arrest may be "near."

Meanwhile there is growing restlessness over the FBI's failure to find James Earl Ray, the escaped convict who has been indicted as the assassin.

The N.Y. Times in an editorial May 2 reflected to some extent the popular apprehension over the FBI's ineptness after noting that Clark said "no less than four times" that there is no evidence of a conspiracy and that arrest of the "Lone" killer was near. Note is further taken of the contradictory descriptions given by the FBI of Ray to police throughout the country.

While conceding that the FBI is not expected to give out information that may hamper search for the killer, the Times editorial went on:

"But surely, the Attorney

General and FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover realize that they have a special responsibility in a matter of such national magnitude to keep the public as fully and accurately informed as is prudently possible.

"Mr. Clark and Mr. Hoover have a second responsibility of even greater importance. That is to take the precautions necessary to insure that the wanted man is brought in alive. The case of Lee Harvey Oswald bears no repetition."

A map has entered the picture. According to an "unimpeachable source" in the Los Angeles Times and Washington Post, the map supports the theory that there is a conspiracy case against Ray, alias Eric Starvo Galt.

The map, found in Atlanta, presumably in the white Mustang the killer abandoned there 14 hours after the killing, showed a circle around the area of King's residence and church.

Another detail supporting the conspiracy theory is the fact that the FBI traced expenditures in

cash by the killer amounting to from \$6,000 to \$8,000 since his escape from the Missouri State Penitentiary in April, 1967.

Ray's brother, Jerry, a maintenance man in a country club near Chicago, interviewed by the Chicago Sun-Times, expressed doubt that his brother could be a killer and appealed to him to surrender.

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