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NEW YORK (UPI) -- ATTY. GEN. RAMSEY CLARK SAID THURSDAY NIGHT A PROGRESS REPORT WOULD BE MADE TO THE NATION SOON ON THE MANHUNT FOR THE SLAYER OF DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. "WE WILL REPORT ON SOME DEVELOPMENTS THAT SHOULD BE MADE PUBLICATE CLARK

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SOCN, " CLARK TOLD NEWSMEN. WHEN PRESSED FOR A SPECIFIC DATE CLARK SAID, "WHEN THERE ARE FACTS A REPORT WILL BE MADE." CLARK, HERE TO RECEIVE THE HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD OF THE B'NAI B'RITH ANTI DEFAMATION LEAGUE, SAID ON HIS ARRIVAL AT THE WALDORF -ASTORIA HOTEL, "I REMAIN AS OPTIMISTIC AS I EVER HAVE BEEN ON IT (THE CAPTURE OF THE ASSASSIN)."

CLARK REFUSED TO COMMENT ON REPORTS THAT POLICE RADIO BANDS ON MEMPHIS PATROL CARS HAD RECEIVED FALSE MESSAGES ON THE DAY THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WAS SLAIN.

"YOU UNDERSTAND I CANNOT COMMENT," HE SAID. CLARK REFUSED TO ELABORATE ON WHETHER HE HAD ANY NEW FACTS TO DISCLOSE. **JL1054PES**

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CLARK 4/11 NX 1ST ADD CLARK NEW YORK 296A X X X TO DISCLOSE. IN HIS SPEECH TO THE DINNER AUDIENCE, CLARK SAID THE CURRENT "ANXIETIES" OF AMERICA MUST BE VIEWED IN THE PERSPECTIVE THAT OTHER TIMES AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN EVEN MORE TROUBLED. "WE HAVE HAD RIOTS IN THIS NATION FAR MORE DEADLY THAN THESE TERRIBLE RIOTS OF THE PAST FIVE YEARS," HE SAID. CLARK HAILED THE NEWLY SIGNED CIVIL RIGHTS BILL AS "A NEW BASIC CHARTER FOR FREEDOM" BUT WARNED THE NATION MUST MOVE FORWARD ON ALL FRONTS TO BRING THE "ALIENATED" - "THE YOUNG, THE POOR AND THE MINORITIES" - INTO THE MAINSTREAM OF AMERICAN LIFE. "THE QUESTION IS WHETHER WE CAN MAINTAIN OUR SOCIAL STABILITY WHILE WE UNDERTAKE THE MIGHTY TASK ESSENTIAL TO RECLAIM OUR CITIES. OUR POVERTY-STRICKEN...SOCIAL STABILITY IS ESSENTIAL FOR PROGRESS," HE SAID.

HE SAID. "THE POLICE MUST KNOW THAT OVER-REACTION OR UNDER-REACTION WILL CAUSE A RIOT THAT CAN ONLY DIVIDE THE COUNTRY, CLARK SAID. "THE POLICEMAN IN THE U.S. THIS YEAR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MAN WE HAVE...ON HIS COOLNESS, ON HIS INTELLIGENCE...RESTS THE ONLY OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE" FOR AVERTING DISRUPTIVE VIOLENCE WHILE WORKING FOR PROGRESS, HE SAID.

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