

Question: A few weeks ago you were expressing confidence that the suspected killer of Dr. King, James Earl Ray, would quickly be apprehended, and yet he has not, despite a very intensive manhunt. Why not?

Ramsey Clark I had said immediately after the assassination, and as soon as we had been able to analyze the evidence that we then had, that we were very hopeful that we could apprehend the person who killed Dr. King, and apprehend him within a short period of time. We're disappointed that we've been unable to do this at this time. We have under way and continuing with all of our forces, all of our manpower that can reasonably be applied, the most massive manhunt, search for an individual, that the FBI and co-ordinated local law enforcement has ever undertaken. We have not found the man we're looking for. I remain <sup>very</sup> optimistic that we will. It's awfully difficult for an individual, and particularly an individual about whom so much is known, to remain at large in the United States under these circumstances. I think we'll find him.

Question: Do you think he's still alive?

Ramsey Clark: We have no evidence to believe that he is not still alive.

Question: One more question here: there are a growing number of theories here that evidently he was not a man alone, that he may have been a hired killer, even hired by foreign agents. Do you have any evidence along those lines?

Ramsey Clark: I think that it's perhaps not constructive to speculate on those things at this time. Our evidence indicates a man acting alone. This does not negate other theories. Our purpose now is to find the man we're looking for, and perhaps these other details will unfold after we've done that.

Question: But you're not ruling out <sup>the possibility of</sup> a conspiracy either of the right or left, would that be true?

Ramsey Clark: It would be impossible to rule out a conspiracy of the right or the left or the middle or any other kind of conspiracy, and we have had theories and presentation about every kind of conspiracy that the mind of man can conceive, but at this time our evidence is that this man was at least acting alone.