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KING ASSASSINATION SUBJECT OF PART III OF CBS REPORTS INQUIRY:

"THE AMERICAN ASSASSINS," TO BE BROADCAST JANUARY 2

Did James Earl Ray, acting alone, kill the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King?

That will be the principal question examined on CBS REPORTS INQUIRY: "The American Assassins -- James Earl Ray and Martin Luther King," Part III of the four-part series on assassinations, to be broadcast Friday, January 2 (10:00-11:00 PM, PT) on the CBS Television Network.

Conspiracy theories will be examined on the broadcast, as will the controversy surrounding the F.B.I.'s role in the reported harassment of Dr. King and its actions as the principal agency investigating his murder.

Other questions dealt with on the broadcast, according to producer Ernest Leiser, will be those surrounding the guilty plea of Ray, on March 10, 1969, its subsequent withdrawal, and efforts since then by Ray and his attorneys to obtain a new trial.

Interviews conducted by CBS News Correspondent Dan Rather, anchorman and reporter for the series, will include eyewitnesses to Dr. King's death, and lawyers for the prosecution and defense, including Percy Foreman, who is now accused by Ray of selling him out and pressuring him to plead guilty.

Additionally, the inquiry will trace Ray's activities before and on the day of the assassination, and during the following weeks.

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Also included will be testimony given during the current congressional hearings on the F.B.I. by Ramsey Clark, Attorney General at the time of the agency's investigation into Dr. King's murder, and by Cartha DeLoach, key aide to J. Edgar Hoover and the man in charge of the assassination investigation.

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