

# Clark Says King Death <sup>T-P</sup> Points to Single Actor <sub>4-22-68</sub>

## Question of Conspiracy Brings Reply

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ATLANTA, Ga. (AP) — Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Saturday there is no significant evidence that the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King "goes beyond the single actor" who fired the fatal shot.

Clark made the statement during a news conference here in reply to a question concerning the reports of a possible conspiracy of southern businessmen who might have been involved in the King slaying.

"We could make a long, long list—as long as the imagination of man runneth—of people who could possibly be involved in this," Clark said, "but there's no significant evidence that it goes beyond the single actor."

The attorney general did not elaborate on the investigation except to say that he still feels confident an arrest will be made soon.

"I was hopeful an arrest would be obtained before now," he said. "The individual being sought is in a very difficult situation and it will be difficult for him to avoid arrest."

Clark was in Atlanta to speak at an Emory University Law Day luncheon.

Asked if he thought the slaying of King would result in effective gun legislation, Clark said it is "incredible that it has taken this long" to obtain such legislation. However, he said he would not "describe a direct causal relationship" between the slaying and the legislation.

"I hope to see action on this legislation in the Senate next week," he said.

Clark was asked if he would prefer that the upcoming March by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on Washington in connection with its Poor People's Campaign not be held.

He replied, "This depends on what you mean by a march. These are anxious times. There will be tension in our cities for some time. It is important that self-discipline be displayed in order to avoid the risk of violence. And violence will impede the progress of this country."