

3 Civil Rights Leaders Bid Ford Reopen Dr. King Death Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (UPI)—Three civil rights leaders were granted immunity from prosecution.

They urged President Ford today to reopen the investigation of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They said eye witnesses, both currently jailed on other matters, could provide evidence that Dr. King was killed as a result of a conspiracy and not by James Earl Ray acting alone.

The Rev. Ralph D Abernathy, Dick Gregory and Hosea Williams, a Georgia state legislator, led a group of supporters in picking up a White House aide carrying a telegram to President Ford calling for a new investigation into Dr. King's death.

They also urged Mr. Ford "in the spirit of Thanksgiving" to ask Dr. King's family in the White House to cooperate in the harassment of the black people by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In a news conference Wednesday, Mr. Ford said he approved the F.B.I.'s attempt to identify Dr. King and the other three responsible agents for the slaying in justice.

Attorney General Edward M. Levi said yesterday that he had ordered a review of the F.B.I. investigation of Dr. King's death.

Mr. Abernathy, Mr. Gregory and Mr. Williams said any investigation should include evidence from Robert Spring Watson.

Mr. Watson is in Federal prison at Ashland, Ky., on traffic violation convictions.

They also said a C. H. Andrews, also known as R. L. Warren, would be willing to testify to his alleged part in the plot against Dr. King if he

Mr. Andrews, they said, is in the Mississauga Correctional Institute in Toronto, Ont.

They gave no details of the testimony that either Mr. Andrews or Mr. Watson could offer.

Mrs. King Sees Conspiracy

WASHINGTON (AP)—

Coretta King, Dr. King's widow, said today that his assassination was apparently caused by a Government conspiracy, and that investigations into his slaying should be reopened.

"I don't have the facts, but at this stage I say if appears there was a conspiracy in the death of my husband," she said.

Mrs. King, on a three-nation African tour, arrived yesterday in Nairobi. She had interviewed leaders of a meeting with Kenyan church leaders arranged by the United Negro College Fund.