

Jesse Jackson Opens King Killing Probe

CHICAGO — The Rev. Jesse Jackson has opened his own investigation into the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King because "the threat of death hangs over everyone present at the assassination."

Prompted by a letter from the convicted assassin, James Earl Ray, Jackson asked permission yesterday to interview Ray at Tennessee's Bushy Mountain prison.

"I fear greatly for his life," Jackson said in an interview. "I fear greatly for my own life. The threat of death hangs over everyone present at the assassination because I am convinced Ray didn't act alone and there are still evil forces at large."