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CORETTA SCOTT KING
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Clinton Asks Reno to Study 'New Evidence' On King Death

President Clinton has asked the Justice Department to consider a request from the family of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to open a new investigation of the civil rights leader's assassination 30 years ago, a senior White House official said yesterday.

Rahm Emanuel, a senior adviser to the president, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Clinton would convey that news to Coretta Scott King, who last week made a public request to Clinton to ap-

point a commission to examine what she said was "new evidence" regarding her husband's killing.

"The president will be talking to Mrs. King over the weekend, and I'm sure he will convey to her that he asked the attorney general, requested the attorney general, to be in touch with Mrs. King to take that information, take it under advisement, and look into it," Emanuel said.

Asked if that meant there would be a new investigation, Emanuel demurred and said Reno would decide how to proceed after examining any developments.

A congressional committee and several law enforcement agencies have concluded that King was killed on April 4, 1968, by James Earl Ray, a career criminal, acting alone. Ray confessed to the crime but almost immediately recanted.