

Weisberg to appear on 'Unsolved Mysteries'

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Local author Harold Weisberg claims no one knows for sure who killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968, least of all the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and he says he has the 80,000 pages of documents to prove it.

Although James Earl Ray is serving a 99-year sentence for the assassination, the government's case against him would never have convinced a jury, Mr. Weisberg said. Ray, he said, pleaded guilty to the crime without a trial and efforts to get a new trial have been unsuccessful.

The author, for the second time this year, is to make his case on television.

Mr. Weisberg, 79, will appear on an NBC's "Unsolved Mysteries" show to air at 8 p.m. March 31. He and several other subjects will appear for about 16 minutes of the hourlong show, according to Tim Rogan, coordinating producer for "Unsolved Mysteries."

The crew spent about six hours taping at Mr. Weisberg's home in the 7600 block of Old Receiver Road on Friday, Mr. Weisberg said. He said in addition to conducting a lengthy interview, the crew took some footage of the more than 60 file cabinets in his basement.

The files contain more than 300,000 pages of information Mr. Weisberg obtained through the Freedom of Information Act. The papers, he said, document that the assassinations of

Dr. King in 1968 and President Kennedy in 1963 have never been solved.

Mr. Weisberg has written several books about the assassinations and has appeared on many television programs to discuss his evidence.

On Jan. 22 Mr. Weisberg was one of several people who appeared on Fox Television during a one-hour

special on the King assassination.

The author believes a gang may have been responsible for killing Dr. King, and Ray was probably no more than a pawn used by the gang members.

"I don't know who they were and from the records, the government doesn't either," Mr. Weisberg said.