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## Conspiracy in King assassination? Ex-agent to reveal possible clues

A former FBI agent who investigated James Earl Ray in 1968 will meet with Fulton County District Attorney Paul Howard this morning to discuss documents the ex-investigator said he found in Ray's car and has never disclosed publicly before.

**Donald Wilson**, assigned to the FBI office in Atlanta at the time of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination, was one of two agents who impounded Ray's white Ford Mustang on April 10, 1968, from the Capitol Homes housing project.

**Wilson** said Monday that he found and kept two slips of paper from the car that may bolster Ray's claim of a conspiracy.

One of the papers is an itemized list of names, locations and figures that appear to be dollar amounts. At the bottom, the figure 450,000.00 is written along with a date and a word that appears to be Raul. The other contains a telephone number and the name Raul.

Ray, who pleaded guilty to killing King in 1969 but recanted three days later, has claimed he was set up by a shadowy gunrunner he knew only as Raul.

Cartha DeLoach, the assistant to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1968, said he is not aware of any new evidence.

"I doubt very seriously that it's true," DeLoach said in a telephone interview from his home in Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Asked about any evidence purporting to show that Raul existed, DeLoach said, "I certainly would like to hear about him. No Raul has ever been found anywhere. I discounted that very much."

**Wilson** said he has the original documents in a vault in suburban Chicago, where he lives. He revealed photocopies Monday. He did not give the evidence to higher-ups in 1968, he said, because he did not believe they were conducting a serious investigation and did not trust them.

William Pepper, Ray's lead attorney, said the evidence is being presented to Howard because it was recovered in Fulton County and the district attorney has jurisdiction.

Howard said former U.N. envoy and Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young asked him to review the potential evidence. He will do so with an open mind, Howard said.

"Dr. Martin Luther King is one of my great heroes," Howard said Monday. "After speaking with Ambassador Young, if it's something that might be of importance and value, I thought it was worth listening to."

Wilson said he did not come forth earlier for concern over his family. After hearing Coretta Scott King ask Tennessee officials last year to let Ray get a trial, Wilson said, he contacted the King family and offered to testify and reveal the data.

He is going public now, Wilson said, at the request of the King family because it appears that Ray will not get a trial. Ray, 70, suffers from terminal liver disease and has been hospitalized numerous times.

"This is very significant," Dexter King said Monday night. "The evidence that he has will go a long way toward disputing the official story, particularly as it relates to Raul's existence."

In an odd twist, the telephone number on one of the papers appears to refer to Jack Ruby. The number is next to a capital letter J inside a circle.

A check of that telephone number in the 1963 Cole's Directory for Dallas indicates it was listed to Ruby and the Vegas Club at 3508 Oak Lawn. According to the Warren Commission, Ruby owned the Vegas Club on Nov. 24, 1963, when he was arrested for killing Lee Harvey Oswald, the suspect being held in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

"That's huge. That's very huge," said Wilson, who left the FBI in 1987 and now heads a career management company.

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