## King Son Says LBJ in on Conspiracy

death, he asserts up rights leader's Government set

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## Atlanta

ernmental conspiracy to kill Rev been part of a military and gov-Lyndon B. Johnson must have King asserted that President night, in a televised interview Martin Luther King Jr. Last Scott King declared that he and Earl Ray was not guilty of the murder of his father, the Rev his family believed that James Three months ago, Dexter

according to a transcript of the privy to it," King said on the ABC News program "Turning Point," occur on his watch and he not be something of that magnitude to interview. that it would be very difficult for I've been shown, I would think "Based on the evidence that

gence agencies were involved in said the Army and federal intelliviolent Social Change in Atlanta his father's assassination in Mem-Luther King Jr. Center for Non-King, who heads the Martin



**Dexter King** 



Lyndon Johnson



Martin Luther King

phis on April 4, 1968

think we knew it all along." FBI," he said in the interview. "I parcel Army intelligence, CIA "I am told that it was part and

sically nothing to do with this assion interview that Ray had "bather King III, said in the televi-His older brother, Martin Lu-

ease in a state prison hospital in Nashville. He originally conpenalty. to plead guilty to avoid the death his lawyers had encouraged him days later, he recanted, saying tenced to life in prison. Several fessed to the killing and was sen-Ray, 69, is dying of liver dis

studies by several historians have A congressional inquiry and

> a part in a conspiracy. although others may have played certainly involved in the killing concluded that Ray was almost

embraced Pepper's theories. siblings and their mother, Coret a trial for his client. In recent per, Ray's lawyer, who is seeking ta Scott King, have apparently months, Dexter King, his three been expounded by William Pepcies to kill Rev. King has long the Army and intelligence agen-The notion of a conspiracy by

as the leader of a unit that was prepared to kill Rev. King if the whom Pepper has characterized Eidson is a retired Army officer yer of ABC undermined at least ducing Pepper to Billy Eidson. part of Pepper's theory by intro-In the broadcast, Forrest Saw-

> I was provided with wrong inforsaid, "I acknowledge that maybe presented with Eidson, Pepper assassin did not succeed. Pepper later assassinated. After being has said that Eidson was himseli

eled to Nashville to meet with Ray's declarations of innocence. that he and his family believed Ray and told him face-to-face In March, Dexter King trav

will prove that the rifle did not port, Pepper has won court aphas yet to be held on the results. fire the fatal shot. The tests have hopes that new forensic methods killing of Rev. King. Pepper proval for new ballistics tests on been completed, but a hearing the rifle linked to Ray and the With the King family's sup-

King and Andrew Young, for-merly a top aide to Rev. King as well as the chief delegate to the tion be granted amnesty. information about the assassina-King proposed that anyone with investigate the killing again. Mrs ton to appoint a commission to Atlanta, called on President Clin-United Nations and the mayor of In the ABC program, Mrs.

reached for comment yesterday. bers of the King family could be Neither Young nor any mem-