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Attorney General Edward H. Levi last week ordered a Justice Department review of the bureau's investigation, which concluded that James Earl Ray was the lone assassin of Dr. King.

But Mr. Byrd said that the Justice Department could not conduct the review alone at a time "when some citizens believe that every Government investigation of itself results in a cover-up."

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