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New angle on King's death

WASHINGTON — The House assassination committee has subpoenaed J. B. Stoner and several associates of his National States Rights Party for its investigation of the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., a congressional source said yesterday. The source said the committee wants to question Stoner about his assertions that an FBI informant offered him \$25,000 to have King assassinated and \$2,000 to blow up a church in Birmingham, Ala. The source said the panel also wants to learn more about Stoner's activities with the party and his relationship with convicted King assassin James Earl Ray, whom he represented as an attorney, and Ray's family. The investigators want to find out whether Stoner's activities "were in any way directly connected with the assassination of Dr. King," the source said. Stoner was indicted recently on a charge of dynamiting a black church in Birmingham in 1958. He pleaded innocent and was set free on a \$10,000 bond while awaiting trial.