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In Washington, a group styling itself the Committee to Investigate Assassinations said there was not only a conspiracy behind the King murder but a possible link to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The committee supported Ray's conspiracy allegations. Richard Sprague of Hartsdale, N.Y., who said he had made detailed photographic studies of both assassinations said there is a "good likelihood" the person identified by Ray only as "Raoul" is a French-speaking Canadian.

"Ray has said privately that a man named Raoul not only planned the murder but also pulled the trigger on the fatal shot," the committee said in a news conference admittedly called for publicity in order to raise funds.

Executive director Bernard Fensterwald said the group hopes to hire a professional staff to make "a thorough, objective, and professional investigation."

Sprague said there was a close resemblance between a police sketch based on witnesses' immediate description of the King gunman and a man arrested in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, an hour after Kennedy was shot Nov. 22, 1963.

"I don't think anyone believes the Justice Department and the FBI have revealed everything they know about the (King) case," Fensterwald said.

The committee also is leaving open the possibility that the slaying last June of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy might be linked to the other two.

"There are a number of parallels in the cases which might indicate a common modus operandi which normally would be subject to official scrutiny," the committee said.

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