

7 May 1968

Mark Lane, talk
Contra Costa College
San Pablo, Calif.

(transcribed from tape)

....Hours after Dr. Martin Luther King was shot to death, in Memphis, Ramsey Clark, the attorney general, flew down to Memphis and assured the American people that there was no conspiracy, a lone assassin was on the run, his arrest was hours away. He's not yet been arrested, and it's a long long time since that shot was fired.

At the time that Clark said the man is on the run, there was absolutely no evidence available to give the federal government a clue as to who that man was. And FBI agents have said since that time they did not know what Clark was talking about: "No one was on the run, because we didn't know whom we could possibly be looking for."

In a recent Evans and Novak column they said the question has come up in Justice Department conferences where Clark has been asked why he said we have a man on the run and will arrest him a ny minute. And he said, "I have to say it in order to preserve the national tranquillity. Although I knew what I was saying was completely untrue, it was necessary." Thus, it is evident that the view our leaders now take of us is that it is essential for them to lie to us continually.....