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## Justice Department

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# King Conspiracy Probe

### Washington

For the first time, the Justice Department disclosed that it is investigating a possible conspiracy in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King last April 4.

A spokesman said, "The investigation into the original allegations of a conspiracy is still open."

It was the first time the

word "conspiracy" had been mentioned officially since the original FBI warrant was issued against Eric Starvo Galt, later identified as James Earl Ray, the man convicted yesterday for Dr. King's murder.

In Atlanta, the widow of Dr. King and the successor to the slain civil rights leader both said yesterday that they were convinced that Ray did not act alone in the killing.

Mrs. Coretta King and the Rev. Ralph Abernathy called on the government to continue to investigate Dr. King's murder until all guilty parties are apprehended.

"This plea of guilty cannot be allowed to close the case, to end the search for the many fingers which helped pull the trigger," Mrs. King said in a statement.

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