

King Death Probe Reopening Asked

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Representative Charles Rangel (Dem-N.Y.), chairman of the congressional Black Caucus, has asked Attorney General Edward H. Levi to reopen the investigation into who killed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

In a letter to Levi mailed Wednesday, Rangel said he believes the case was closed "prematurely" and cited the announcement a week ago by Atlanta Public Safety commissioner Reginald Eaves that he has received new information that "warrants our serious consideration."

Eaves has not disclosed what the new material is. He told reporters in Atlanta last Friday that it was given

to him by "someone I respect a great deal," that he would have one of his officers talk with the person it came from, and that if the documents, which apparently allege a conspiracy, have enough substance, he will turn the matter over to the FBI.

In his letter to Levi, Rangel also cited "recent and disturbing revelations of the FBI surveillance and harassment of Dr. King, as well as the puzzling elements of the case itself."

And, he said, there are the charges made by James Earl Ray, who pleaded guilty to the murder, that he was pressured by his lawyers and prison officials into confessing.

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