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**Conspiracy  
Killed King,  
Widow Says**

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NAIROBI, Nov. 27—The widow of Martin Luther King said today that his assassination apparently was caused by a government conspiracy and that investigations into his slaying should be reopened.

"I don't have the facts, but at this stage I say it appears there was a conspiracy in the death of my husband," Coretta King said.

"The way he was documented and followed around by Hoover and the CIA when he was abroad, it would have to have been attached to the forces of our government that felt he was a threat to the system as it existed," Mrs. King said.

She referred to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency and to the late Federal Bureau of Investigation chief, J. Edgar Hoover.

Mrs. King, on a three-nation African tour, arrived here Wednesday. She was interviewed before a meeting with Kenyan women leaders arranged by the U.S. Information Service.

She commented on the review ordered by Atty. Gen. Edward Levi of the FBI investigation of the King's shooting death in 1968. James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the killing in Memphis, Tenn., and was sentenced to 99 years in prison.

The FBI has acknowledged that it undertook a harassment campaign to discredit King but has concluded that Ray acted alone in King's assassination. Levi ordered a review of the investigation of King's death in light of the harassment campaign but said he still believes that the investigation was thorough.

The widow was also asked to

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comment on President Ford's statement at a news conference Wednesday that he abhorred FBI harassment of King and that he would consult Levi on taking action against those to blame.

"I am very encouraged by this. I do feel with the recent investigations into the FBI and CIA we have new evidence, confirmed evidence," she said.

"I feel it requires further investigation into the death of my husband, as well as the assassinations of others from the Kennedys on."

"I think there are grounds for reopening the case. I have always felt there was more to it than came out. I also felt somehow in the long run of history it would be revealed—just what did happen," she said.

Mrs. King told the Kenyan women Hoover tried to discredit her husband by alleging he stole some money, sought self-glorification and was sexually immoral.

The last accusation was "an effort to get me upset and turn me against him," she said. "I was never affected, because I knew his moral commitments."

"From the grave the truth has risen," Mrs. King added. "High officials now know it was Hoover and not Martin Luther King who was immoral and unjust."

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