

CBS Wants New Probe in King Death

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CBS news is calling for an independent inquiry to determine whether the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King was the result of a conspiracy.

In a television documentary on the 1968 assassination of the civil rights leader to be shown tonight, CBS concludes there are enough unanswered questions to justify an inquiry by either an independent commission or Congress.

Correspondent Dan Rather, reporting on the findings of a CBS investigation of the King killing, says the case that James Earl Ray acted alone in the murder is not airtight.

He says: "There was no smoking gun. No witness saw the shot fired. No one can persuasively identify any one fleeing the scene . . . The question of Ray's motive remains unproven. What seemed to be unquestionable proof—an unqualified plea of guilty—is now in legal contest."

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