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Behind Was Overlooked After Assassination of Dr. King

He talks at his own expense and...
 hired...
 factors...
 action...
 Mr. Fensterwald...
 new Committee to Investigate...
 charged today...
 the Justice Department...
 ignored evidence that a...
 mysterious figure called "Raoul"...
 might have engineered the kill...
 of Dr. King...
 a news conference today...
 the Storer Hilton Hotel...
 Fensterwald Jr. spoke...
 for the group, said it hoped...
 raise enough money to hire...
 private detectives to run down...
 these ends in the King case...
 he said the Government...
 failed to pursue...
 Fensterwald referred to...
 articles in Look magazine by...
 William Bradford Huie, who is...
 writing a book on the King...

murder with the cooperation of...
 James Earl Ray.
 According to the articles...
 Ray said a man named "Raoul"...
 had led him into a plot to kill...
 Dr. King. Mr. Fensterwald said...
 his group had turned up evi...
 dence of "Raoul's" existence...
 He said witnesses in several...
 cities had reported seeing Ray...
 with a man who could have...
 been Raoul, and that two men...
 had been arrested at London...
 Airport on the day when Ray...
 was apprehended.
 Mr. Fensterwald said the...
 committee would also investi...
 gate the assassination of Presi...
 dent Kennedy. He said the...
 group believed that the King...
 and Kennedy assassinations...
 were probably political con...
 spiracies and that the Govern...
 ment was afraid to make all of...
 the facts public.

He said there was some evi...
 dence, but less of it, to indicate...
 that Senator Robert F. Ken...
 nedy's murder was also the re...
 sult of a conspiracy.
 Mr. Fensterwald has served...
 as chief counsel to three Senate...
 judiciary subcommittees.
Charges Lack of Guard
Special to The New York Times
 PHILADELPHIA, March 17—
 The Rev. James Bevel charged...
 here today that police officials...
 of Memphis had known about...
 a plot to assassinate Dr. King...
 but took no special precautions...
 to guard him.
 Mr. Bevel, director of non...
 violent education and direct ac...
 tion for the Southern Christian...
 Leadership Conference, insisted...
 that "there definitely was a...
 conspiracy" to murder Dr. King...
 He made the charges in an...
 interview with Claude Lewis

a reporter for The Philadelphia...
 Evening Bulletin.
 Mr. Bevel said that the con...
 ference learned about the al...
 leged plot a couple of days be...
 fore Dr. King arrived in Mem...
 phis on April 3. He said the...
 information came about as the...
 result of a mistake made by...
 Memphis postal authorities.
 A letter addressed to a white...
 woman was delivered to a Ne...
 gro woman of the same name...
 who lived in another section...
 of Memphis, Mr. Bevel said...
 The letter, he added, contained...
 "the relevant and pertinent in...
 formation that Dr. King was to...
 be assassinated while in Mem...
 phis."
 Mr. Bevel said the letter was...
 immediately turned over to the...
 Memphis police, but no special...
 security measures were placed...
 around the Lorraine Motel...
 where Dr. King was slain.