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Behind Was Overlooked After Assassination of Dr. King

He talks at his own expense and
ning on his own initiative.

Any Evidence Is Ignored
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, March 17—
A new Committee to Investigate
Assassinations charged today
that the Justice Department
had ignored evidence that a
mysterious figure called "Raoul"
may have engineered the kill-
ing of Dr. King.

At a news conference today
at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, Ber-
nard Fensterwald Jr. spoke
for the group, said it hoped
to raise enough money to hire
private detectives to run down
"loose ends" in the King case
and that he said the Government
had failed to pursue.

Mr. Fensterwald referred to
articles in Look magazine by
Mr. 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.