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The CIA was in no way involved in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. In addition, I would like again to deny categorically that there was any CIA involvement in the assassinations of President Kennedy or Senator Robert Kennedy, or the attempted assassination of Governor Wallace.

Mr. Rather, I appreciate the opportunity you are providing me to make these denials. They are the simple, unvarnished truth. I have often seen such charges picked up and replayed until they begin to gain credibility by repetition. I hope no American will ever come to believe such outrageous falsehoods simply because he has heard them so many times. Too often, the charges made Page 1 headlines. The subsequent denials and truths of the matter all too often appear on Page B 14.

There are a few other examples I would like to put to rest too.

- -- The CIA has <u>never</u> attempted to penetrate or spy on other branches of the government.
- -- The CIA was <u>not</u> involved in attempts to test the vulnerability of New York's subway system to biological warfare agents.
- -- Frank Sturgis, convicted Watergate burglar, was never an employee or agent of the CIA.