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Statement of Mr. Solomon Jones, to George R. King and John Getz

I had been driving Dr. King about 30 days before he was killed. On the day of the shooting, I was on the ground beside the car, which was parked on the west side of the Motel, I was on the north side of the car. I heard the shot, I was unable to tell just where it came from. When the shot was fired, I had just told Dr. King to get his top coat he said O K, then the shot came. It was dusk, dark, police all in yard. Somebody hollered, "Solomon get down before you get killed." Rev Bernard Lee, Dr. King's assistant made that statement. Everybody was running and the yard was full of police, I was unable to tell who, if anyone ran from the bushes.

In the yard were four staff members and Dr. King's lawyer, Mr. Estes, two of the staff were Rev. Lee and Rev Andrew Young.

Dr. King was at the rail looking down and very slightly bent, with his hands on the rail. From then on there was so much confusion, with people and police, it was hard to tell what was happening.

My future plans are to stay with R. S. Lewis and Son. The one person who always knows where I am is R. S. Lewis Jr., 374 Vance telephone 526-3264.

Solomon Jones

Witness

George R. King
John Getz

Witnessed, signed statement attached