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This is a photo of Dr. King inspecting the inside of a car trunk after both a house and the car were fired upon at separate locations during the night of Thursday May 28 or the early morning Friday May 29, 1964.

Sometime during that night a beachfront "cottage" reportedly rented for Dr. Martin Luther King (and used by aides including C.T. Vivian and Harry Boyte Jr. But unoccupied at the time) was fired on from all four sides. Separately, a shotgun blast hit the back of Harry G. Boyte's car. Seven pellets penetrated the front windshield of the car. I took the photo of Dr. King inspecting firearms damage to the trunk of that car when he later returned to St. Augustine. Boyte told reporters on May 29 the shot was fired from a car that followed him and his son to a motel. The elder Boyte said he still was in the car although his son, Harry, 19, who had been driving, had stepped out when the shotgun was fired. Neither was hit. Reporters confirmed visual evidence of 19 shots fired into the house with bullet holes found on all four sides. Vivian said he and the elder Boyte had stayed in the house on Wednesday night, May 27, but moved elsewhere the next night, May 28, before the shooting occurred.

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The next two photos are from a church appearance Dr. King made prior to a King Street march. Note the signs on the church wall in the background for a sense of the atmosphere.





...(next) three shots of the Young-King-Hayling press conference...(Elks Rest, Washington St., St. Augustine, Florida)





