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Malcolm X, described the case as a "frame up." He defended Shabazz's mother, Dr. Betty Shabazz, saying he never saw her "instill hate in anybody." He also is a former Manhattan borough president.

Over the years the elder Shabazz has blamed Farrakhan and his followers for her husband's 1965 assassination.

But she appeared to offer an olive branch to Farrakhan when asked about his comments in a speech Tuesday night in Chicago in which he said the whole thing was a government plot designed to destroy black unity.

"I was totally surprised at the

extent of his humanity, the extent of understanding that my daughter had nothing to do with this," Betty Shabazz said. "I must tell you I was baffled at the extent and broadness of his humanity in that situation."

Shabazz was charged last week in a nine-count indictment with plotting to kill Farrakhan and paying a sum of money to the alleged hit man to carry out the act.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune, in a copyrighted story Wednesday, quoted a source close to the investigation as saying the government has video and audio tapes of Shabazz talking with the man she allegedly tried to hire for the assassination.

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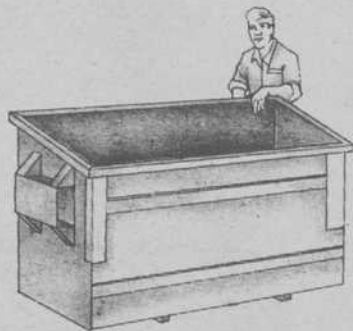
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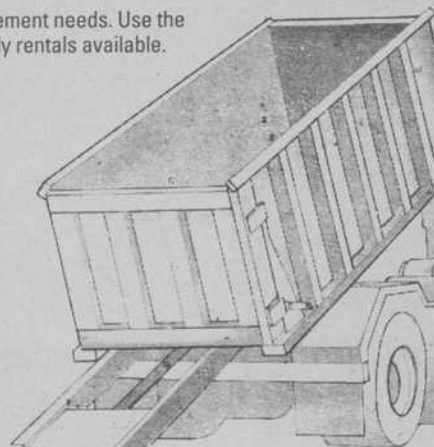
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