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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE:

4/23/68

FROM

SA THOMAS J. MANNING

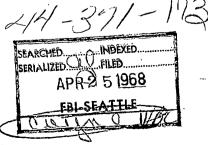
SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re Memo of SA COYNE to SAC, 4/22/68

On 4/23/68 TOSH MAYADA, Owner, Troy Laundry caused a check of laundry marks used by his company in making use of his Thermo-Seal laundry tapes and advised that he could not state that laundry mark "20R-3" was ever used by his company in any particular batch or person's laundry.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1982 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/24/68

FROM:

SA WILLIAM L. PRICE

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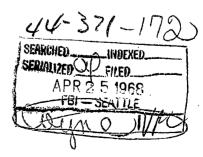
SUBJECT:

MURKIN

Re: Seattle memo of SA VERNON P. COYNE, 4/22/68.

On 4/23/68, the information relative to subject's names, description, etc., including the photographs of subject contained in the Wanted Flyer, were furnished to Mr. CAL DARST, U. S. Border Patrol, Spokane, who advised he would alert the border stations between Nighthawk and Metaline Falls, Washington, by sending the information to them on a "Lookout Notice".

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1882 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.8

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

: SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

DATE: 4/25/68

FROM : SA VERNON P. COYNE

SUBJECT: MURKIN

TO

At 12:35 pm on April 23, 1968, a male person who identified himself as WILLIAM F. MEEHAN, Econ Company, 1725 Mercer, telephone MA 3-3100, residence telephone TU 5-2468, telephonically contacted this office and talked to SA LAMBERT G. ZANDER.

Mr. MEEHAN said that he was calling long distance from Center on Highway 104W which is a bus stop on the Peninsula. He said that he was enroute to Port Angeles and he was calling from a phone booth. He said he had just observed passengers loading into Greyhound bus number 7767 which bus was enroute to Seattle from Port Angeles and Victoria, B.C.

MEEHAN said he was calling as he had identified one of the passengers as GALT, and he made this identification from pictures which he had seen in a local newspaper. MEEHAN was very excited and said that this man was wearing a dark suit but did not give any further details.

On the same date, SA COYNE and SA CLARK S. SMITH met the incoming bus number 7767 as it pulled into the Greyhound bus station at Seattle at approximately 1:50 pm.

Both Agents observed a man get off this bus whose facial features and haircut bore a very strong resemblance to the photograph of RAY which was taken in Missouri State Penitentiary in 1960 and which appears on RAY's IO.

This man was stopped at which time he identified himself as a citizen of Canada and produced identification which revealed that his name was DAVID LLOYD RHODES, Social Security and that he resided at 411 - 35th Street in Calgary, Alberta.

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This man had a record from the Bureau of Vital Statistics in Canada which revealed that he was born on , at Calgary, and bears registration number 39-08-202528.

Although it was observed that this man was approximately 6'l" in height and possibly weighed 190 pounds, which does not fit RAY's description, fingerprint impressions of this man's left index and right ring finger were taken and compared to the fingerprints on RAY's Identification Order and were found to be not identical

RHODES was not detained any further, and he ran for a bus which was headed for Portland.

Indices negative on RHODES.

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FBI PORTLAND

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TO SEATTLE

FROM PORTLAND (157-380) (P) 2P

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SHERIFF LEO ROBERTS, SHERMAN COUNTY, OREGON, STATED HE STOPPED

OLD CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK AND CHECKED JOHNSON OUT ON APRIL TWENTYTHREE

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PAGE TWO

HAIR, ABOUT FORTY YEARS OLD, HAZEL EYES. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS MATTER, SEATTLE IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE REGISTERED OWNER OF WASHINGTON LICENSE G O O DASH ZERO SEVEN TWO. IN THE EVENT JOHNSON IS REGISTERED OWNER, DETERMINE IF VEHICLE WAS REGISTERED TO JOHNSON PRIOR TO APRIL NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, THE MONTH WHICH RAY ESCAPED FROM CONFINEMENT.

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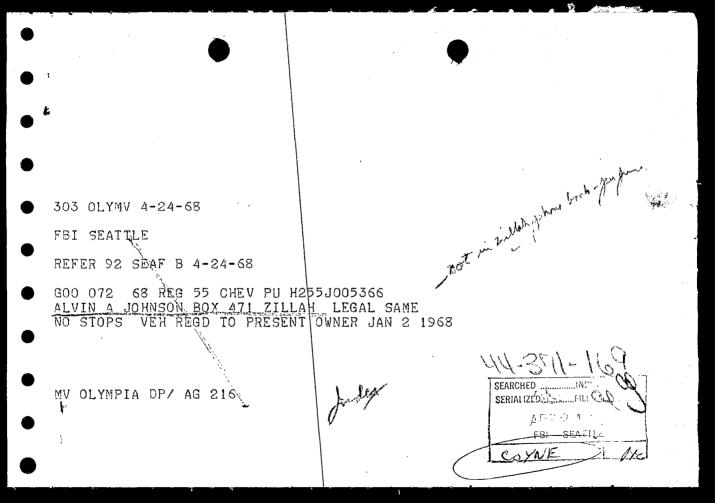
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REQUEST REGISTRATION DATA ON WASHINGTON LICENSE

GOO-072. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW DATE THIS VEHICLE REGISTERED

TO PRESENT OWNER.

J. E. MILNES
Special Agent in Charge
FBI, Seattle
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Sheriff's Office Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #B-119908	October 11, 1949	suspicion of burglary	
Police Department Los Angeles, California	James Earl Ray #139648	October 11, 1949	suspicion 459 Penal Code (burglary)	8 months County Jail suspended; 2 years probation
				served; first 90 days County Jail; 146 December 30, 1949 Cs129438
Sheriff's Office Cedar Rapids, Iowa		April 18,	vagrancy	2040 05120400
Police Department Alton, Illinois	James Earl Ray #7514	July 23, 1951	no operator's license - no State License - no City License	released to pay later
Police Department Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #D90696	May 6, 1952	robbery (Gun)	Grand Jury \$3000
Cook County Jail Chicago, Illinois	James Ray #131165	May 9, 1952	robbery	June 13, 1952 sentenced to penitentiary 1 to 2 years
State Penitentiary Joliet, Illinois	James E. Ray #32419	June 13, 1952	robbery	1 to 2 years /67
State Penitentiary Pontiac, Illinois	James E. Ray #19121	July 7, 1952 in	robbery	1 to 2 years March 12, 1954
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Patro1	lighway Missouri	James Earl #B-3376	Ray	March 23, 1955	cashing stolen postal money orders	released to Postal Inspecto Kansas City,
						Missouri March 24, 1955
United Marshal Kansas Missour	City,	James Earl #12018	Ray	March 28, 1955	forgery United States Postal Money Order	sentenced to 15 months custody of Attorney Genera
Sheriff Kansas Missour		James Earl #29637	Ray	March 28, 1955	Forgery - Government	July 7, 1955 3 years and 9 months
United Peniten Leavenw	tiary	James Earl #72498-L	Ray	July 7, 1955	Post Office Laws Forge Money	3 years and 9 months May 20, 1958 conditions
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Police Saint Misson	e Department Louis, uri	James Earl Ray #81071		October 16, 1959	suspicion of robbery stealing and fugitive other authorities	
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATE WASHINGTON, D.C. 20537

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: SAC, SEATTLE

(44-371)

DATE: 4-23-68

FROM

: SA J. C. NETTER

SUBJECT: MURKIN

Re memo of SA VERNON P. COYNE 4-22-68.

On 4-23-68 Mrs. HAZEL O'HEARN, Griffee's Heights Cleaners, 6319 Mill Plain, Vancouver, Washington advised that the laundry code "20R-3" is not a code used by this firm. She was unable to identify the code.

On 4-23-68 DONALD COOLEY, New Method Cleamers and Laundry, 1916 Main, Vanoouver advised that he does not recognize the laundry code "20R-3" and it is not a code used by his firm.

No inquiry was made at the Veterans Administration Hospital laundry inasmuch as previous investigation reflected that laundry uses the Social Security numbers of its customers as laundry codes. They are all numbers, with no letters.

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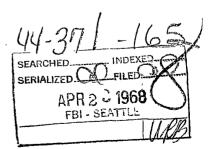
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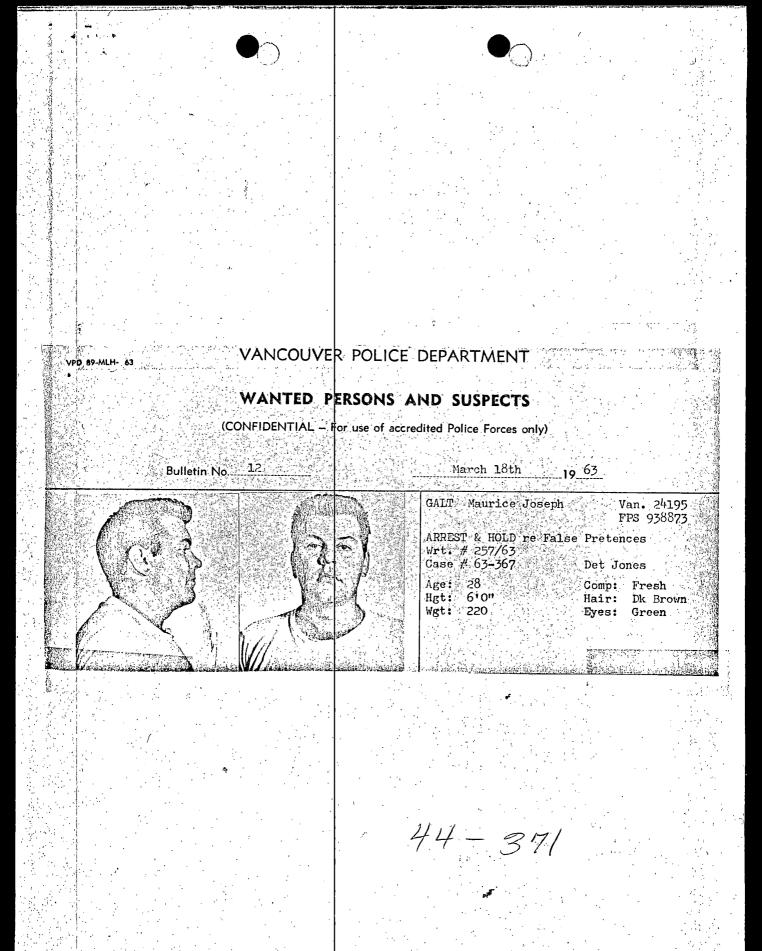
Attached to and made a part of this serial are one photograph and a copy of the Canadian Identification record for MAURICE JOSEPH GALT referred to in airtel dated 4/18/68.

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DATE: 4/23/68





ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED

THE COMMISSIONER, R.C.M. POLICE, OTTAWA

ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION BRANCH.

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STEADY DRINKER, MOODY AND CONTENTIOL

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By DAVID LARSEN The Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD - Eric Starvo Galt, prime suspect in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King, emerged Thursday as:

1. — A fervent supporter of the presidential bid of former George C. Alabama Gov. Wallace.

2. - An anti-Negro who once got into a wild argument at a Hollywood cocktail lounge with a girl who defended Negroes.

3. — A man who made at least one mysterious trip in recent months to New Orleans, a fact which appears to be of great interest to the FBI.

- A steady drinker, alternately moody and contentious in put lic.

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS This picture came into focus as the result of a series of exclusive interviews conducted by the Los Angeles Times with persons who knew Galt when he

lived here.

A songwriter whom Galt drove to New Orleans and back in a white Mustang in December said he had a strong impression that the suspect was not using his right name.

The statement was made by Charles Stein, 38, who was offered the free ride after he agreed to add his signature to the drive by Wallace to qualify for a place on the California June primary ballot.

Stein said his sister, Rita, had made the arrangements. While at the Sultan Room, a lounge on Hollywood Boulevard, she had let it be known that her two children had to return soon from her sister's place in New Orleans. Galt let it be known that he would be going there.
Stein appeared at the Sultan

Room that same night and Galt agreed to take him along to fetch the children if Stein would

sign up for Wallace. The next day, Stein said, Galt picked him up at the sister's home and drove him to the Wallace headquarters.

"I thought he was some kind of politician," Stein recalled. "I got the impression they all knew him.

Robert Walters, campaign coordinator for Wallace in California, disputed this. "We checked all of our name files here - particularly those from the North Hollywood office and found nothing under the name of Galt or the other names he reportedly used," Walters said.

Stein said that after he had registered for Wallace's American Independent Party, he and Galt departed that ternoon on the two-day trip to New Orleans.

Galt did not disclose why he was making the drive. He told (Indicate page, name of newspaper city and state.) Longview Daily News Longview, Washington

4/19/68

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Author: AP

John McClelland Editor:

Title: MURKIN

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his passenger he "knew some people there." He said he had been there before.

While passing through Texas, according to the songwriter. Galt made several long-distance calls from phone booths, but declined to discuss any of them.

NAME EMPHASIZED

Stein said Galt went to uncommon pains to impress upon him his name, emphasized it in

unnecessary ways, such as when they checked in at motels.

"I think he was establishing a fictitious identity," Stein said.
"I got these vibrations. I don't think it was his real name."

fGalt told his passenger he had just sold a bar in Mexico. "I ddn't believe it," Stein said. "His Spanish was too touristy."

During the drive the suspect also remarked that he liked to hunt, Stein said.

Stein said that at one point he brought up the subject of race with his companion, commenting that the same creator made everybody and that color is just incidental. He said Galt was noncommittal.

Stein said he is a believer in the equality of the races. The night of the assassination of Dr. King, he recalled, he wrote a song entitled: "Though His Body Is Gone, Luther Is Living On!

The bearded songwriter said he "kept getting strange vibra-



ERIC STARVO GALT

tions" about Galt. "I felt something was wrong," Stein said.

Stein said he believes the suspect made a subsequent trip to New Orleans. "I heard he was asking people if they wanted him to drop anything off while he was down there," Stein said.

At the time of the trip, Galt was staying in a Los Angeles apartment. Residents there was apartment. Residents there either did not know or remained tight-lipped about him.

However, Galt subsequently moved to a hotel, the St. Fran-One block away s a cocktail lounge known as the Rabbits Foot Club.

The crowd there remembers Eric Starvo Galt very well.

Until three or four weeks ago according to bartender Bo Del Monte, Galt was a nightly patron.

He would come in at around 9 p.m., perch on a stool near the door, and order the first of several screwdrivers (vodka and orange juice).

Adele Lewis, who was working there at the time, recalled that Galt often got into argumen's when he tried to strike up colversations.

"He once asked if he could buy me a drink," she said. "Sin-ce I was working, I said no." "Huh, you think you're too good," Galt bristled.

DISPUTE IN CLUB

But the thing everybody at the Rabbits Foot Club remembers most about Galt is the big dispute he got into.

Jim Morrison, who was the bartender that night, recalled that Galt had begun talking with a young woman named Pattie. Somehow the conversation turn-

ed to Negroes, and she declared them to be "good people." Suddenly, Galt began dragging her by the arm toward the door. "I'll drop you off in Watts and

we'll see how you like it there!"
Gat shouted.

Iel Monte said another customer who had been dating the girl followed the pair outside, and Galt fled.

A short time later, according to Del Monte, a Negro was struck in the head by a rock while in a nearby parking lot.

Morrision remembered that as Galt would sit at the bar, sipping his screwdrivers, he often preached his support of Wallace.

(He's the man we want," the baitender quoted Galt as saying.

bel Monte said Galt once tried to begin a conversation with a Negro girl, but that she walked away from him.

Nobody interviewed at the Rabbits Foot Club remembered Galt furnishing his name. In fact, nobody realized who he was until his picture appeared in newspapers on Thursday.

Del Monte said the photo of Galt with his eyes closed caused an immediate recollection. "That's the way he sat there," the bartender said. "When he wasn't talking, he would sit sort of dozing."

Del Monte said Galt usually had four or five screwdrivers a night.

Joe Peters, bartender at the Sultan Room, said Galt sometimes drank vodka and Coca-Cola at his place.



JAMES EARL RAY — This photograph of James Earl Ray was made at the time he was sentenced to 20 years in prison for an armed robbery in St. Louis. He was reported missing from the Missouri penitentiary April 23, 1967. The FBI said today it has identified Eric Starvo Galt, the man wanted in the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King, as James Earl Ray, an escapee from the Missouri penitentiary — AP Wirephoto.

Galt Named As Escapee From Prison

FBI Says Wanted Man's Real Name James Earl Ray

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI today identified Eric Starvo Galt, wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King ir., as James Earl Ray, 40, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The FBI said he was identified through "a systematic and exhausitve search of latent fingerprints" uncovered in the King case against the fingerprints of the more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

Ray was reported missing from the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City April 23, 1967. He was serving a 20-year sentence for an armed robbery in St. Louis and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission.

Ray, who had been at the prison since March 17, 1960, spent some time in September 1966 in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The man known as Galt was charged Wednesday with the first-degree murder of King April 4 in Memphis, Tenn. He also is charged in a federal warrant with conspiracy and rourder in the King assassination.

HAS BEEN DRIFTER

A drifter since he left scissol in the 10th grade at Alton, Ill., Rely served as an enlisted man in the Army from February 1,46 to December 1948 when he was given a general discharge for inetpness and lack of adaptibility, the FBI said. During his Army career he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

The FBI said Ray has an arrest record dating at least to 1949, when he was convicted for burglary in Los Angeles. He also was convicted in 1952 for armed robbery in Chicago and in 1955 for forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri.

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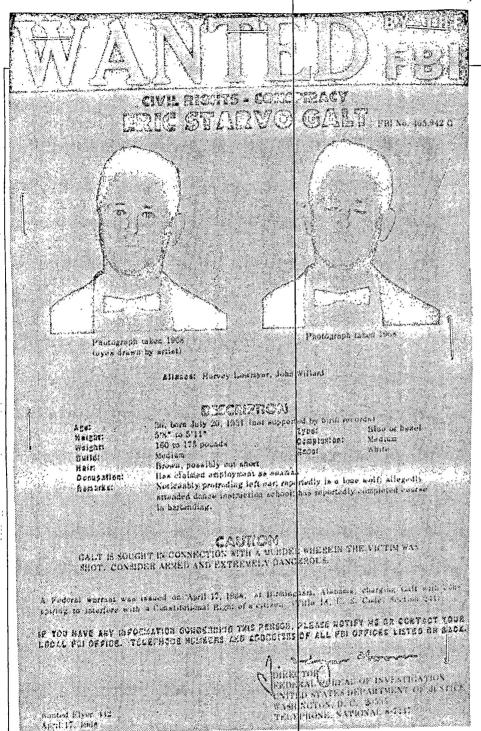
He has served terms in a Los Angeles County jail, state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, and a federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

The FBI said Ray has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

Ray claims to have been born March 10, 1923 in Illinois—but the FBI did not say where. He is about 5-feet-10, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: A small one on the center of his forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

He has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

The FBI said Ray has been a federal fugitive since July 20, 1967 when an FBI complaint was filed at Jeffreson City charging him with unlawfully fleeing from Missouri to avoid confinement.



(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)
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Longview Daily News
Longview, Washington

4/18/68

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The FBI in Washington today started circulation of this poster calling for the capture of Eric Starvo Galt, sought in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The poster, signed by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, bears two photographs of the man the FBI says is Galt—one photo with eyes ciosed and the other with eyes drawn by an FBI artist. (See story Page 19.)—AP Wirephoto.

erious Eric Starvo Galt ccused Of Dr. King Murder

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — alleged brother and no charge were acquainted with Galt or The mysterious Eric Starvo was filed against him... saw the fleeing sniper. FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover "Unless he was wearing a wig spiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther. King Jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive Wednesday might in Birmingham, Ala., that Gilt, 36, conspired with a man "vhom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil

STATE CHARGE

The state charge of first de-gree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The maximum penalty under the federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year prison sentence.

announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, op-press, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

The FBI statement said a .30.06 rifle equipped with a tele-scopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased March 30 in Birmingham.

The statement did not connect

Galt directly with the rifle The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited pub-lic aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington that he felt this was not the situation.

The FBI started hunting Galt a week ago. Agents even contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him. 🦙

The picture—which had to have the eyes "opened" by an There was no further mention artist—brought uncertain the the FBI statement about the sponses from witnesses uncertain

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives at the Main Street rooming house from which the fatal shot apparently was fired.

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," he said. But Stevens said he only got a side view of the fleeing figure.

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the past three months, al-though the FBI did not specify when it was made. The photo has sharp contrast, making hair and features very dark.

The FBI, relying on witnesses apparently, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight nose.

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly mu-

"The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his

right ear."

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the names of: John Willard and Harvey Lowmeyer, the FBI said. The assairsin registered at the Memphis rooming house under the name of John Willard.

DETAILS MISSING

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics. such as Galt's birthplace, formal schooling, employment. statement The said claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and "is said to be an avid dancer."

Galt, the FBI said, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates abandoned in Atlanta the day after King was shot to death. The rehicle was left in the parking ot ic. of an apartment project near The FBI statement also said, the Georgia Capitol.



ERIC STARVO GALT

Two white Mustangs were parked near the rooming house shortly before the shooting, wit nesses have said, and both dis appeared minutes later. Some witnesses told of a man in a black business suit, neatly dressed, walking down the steps to the street, dropping a rifle and getting into a Mustang with either Alabama or Arkansas tags.

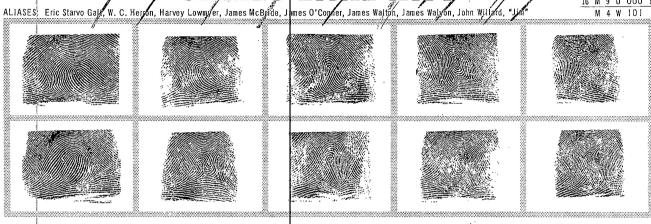
The FBI said Galt's car traveled more than 19,000 miles betwoen Aug. 30, 1967, when he bought it in Birmingham and it abandonment last week in Af-

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DESCRIPTION AGE: 40, born March 10, 1928, Alton, Illinois HEIGHT: 5'10" EYES WEIGHT: 163 to 174 pounds COMP EYES: blue COMPLEXION: medium

BUILD: medium RACE: white NATIONALITY: American HAIR: brown, possibly cut short NATIC OCCUPATIONS: baker, color matcher, laborer SCARS AND MARKS: small scar on center of forehead and small scar on

palm of right hand

REMARKS: noticeably protruding left ear; reportedly is a lone wolf; allegedly attended dance instruction school; has reportedly completed course in bartending

CRIMINAL RECORD

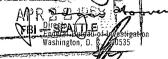
Ray has been convicted of burglary, robbery, forging U. S. Postal Money Orders, armed robbery, and ogerating motor vehicle without owner's consent.

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A Federal warrant was issued on April 17, 1968, at Birmingham, Alabama, charging Rey as Eric Starvo Galt with conspiring to interfere with a Gal-Gonstitutional Right of a vertex Code, Section 1911. A Federal warrant was also issued on July 20, 1967, at Jefferson City, Missouri, charging Ray with Interstate Flight of Apoid Confinement for the come of ight of a citizen (Title 18, U.S. Torthe come of Robbery (Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1073).

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PERSON, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL FBI OFFICE. TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND ADDRESSES OF ALL FBI OFFICES LISTED ON BACK.

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FROM DIRECTOR

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SUBJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED POSSIBLE SUSPECT IN ANY
UNSOLVED BANK ROBBERIES, BURGLARIES OR ARMED ROBBERIES

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NINE SIX SEVEN. RAY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED SUSPECT IN ANY
FUTURE SUCH VIOLATIONS AND BUREAU ADVISED TELEPHONICALLY OF ANY
TENTATIVE IDENTIFICATION.

ANY PERTINENT LEADS DEVELOPED DURING REVIEW OF PAST VIOLATIONS SHOULD BE EXPEDITIOUSLY RUN OUT AND BUREAU ADVISED.

SUBJECT'S HANDWRITING AND HAND PRINTING NOT IDENTIFIED IN BANK ROBBERY NOTE FILE AND HIS FINGERPRINTS ARE BEING SEARCHED AGAINST LATENTS SUBMITTED IN SOLVED BANK ROBBERY AND BURGLARY VIOLATIONS.

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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Re Chicago teletype 4-17-68. Bullalo teletype and airtel 4-18-66, and Memphis teletype 4-22-68.

The remaining unidentified latent fingerprints and the latent impressions in this case are not identical with the fingerprints of James Conaid Galt, FSI \$1725-10. No paint prints are available in our identification Division files for Galt.

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AIRMAIL

DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)

Attention:

IDENTIFICATION DIVISION.

Latent Fingerprint Section

FROM SAC, SEATTLE (44-371) (P)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By separate cover there is being forwarded one piece of cardboard on which is printed the word "CANADA." and a Texaco road map of California.

At approximately 1 PM 4/20/68, one ROBERT RICHARDSON the principal of a parochial grade school in Seattle, telephincally contacted the Seattle Office and advised that on the previous day, he had picked up a hitchhiker coming out of Vallejo, California, and had brought this hitchhiker to Seattle without stopping overnight. RICHARDSON said that he picked up this man in California as the man was holding up the cardboard sign on which he had printed the word "CANADA" and he had let this man off in front of the Greyhound Bus Depot in Seattle on 4/20/68, just prior to 12 noon as the man indicated it was his intention to take a bus from Seattle to Vancouver, B.C.

RICHARDSON advised that after letting the man off near the Greyhound Bus Station, he, RICHARDSON, had driven to his home in Seattle and shortly thereafter, began reading the morning papers at which time he saw two separate photographs and one sketch of JAMES EARL RAY and as soon as he saw one of the pictures, he noted the striking resemblance to the hitchhiker he had just previously let out of his car. RICHARDSON said that the picture he liked extremely well was the one with tousled hair and RICHARDSON said it is his belief, although he cannot be positive of this, that the 4 - Bureau (1 - Package) (Enc.2) 1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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hitchhiker he had transported from California is identical with RAY. RICHARDSON said he could not be positive of this as he could only make an identification from a photograph.

Thereafter, RICHARDSON was immediately recontacted in person and available photographs, including photographs from the wanted flyer, were shown to RICHARDSON and he still maintained it was highly possible that the hitchhiker he had just let out could be RAY.

RICHARDSON said that this man claimed to be a Canadian and was enroute to Vancouver, Canada, where he hoped to obtain a construction job. RICHARDSON said this man claimed he had hitchiked an airplane ride from the Bahamas to Miami and then had hitchiked all the way from Miami coming through Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, New Mexico, and Colorado. RICHARDSON said this man appeared to be very tanned, almost sunburned, and had said he had been in the Bahamas for the past two months. RICHARDSON observed although this man said he was a Canadian, he did not seem to be very conversant with the geography of Canada. RICHARDSON described this man as follows:

Race Sex Age Height Weight Eyes Hair White
Male
Approximately 38 - 40
5'10"
165 - 170 pounds
Blue or gray
Medium brown

Hair was half-way between a crewcut and long. RICHARDSON said this man complained about his unruly hair and said he was letting it grow out from a crewcut. This man was not carrying any luggage but RICHARDSON observed this man had at least \$100.

Extensive efforts to locate the individual as described by RICHARDSON were conducted immediately and have produced no results to date. These efforts included checking of buses and trains for Canada as they were loaded in Seattle, checking buses at the Canadian border; checking one bus at Everett, Washington, that had left Seattle for Canada prior to the time the SA's arrived at the Seattle bus station; checking highway routes from Seattle to Canada that a hitchhiker could use; and immediately recontacting and alerting the border patrol at the Canadian line.

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It is requested that attempts be made to develop latent fingerprints on the attached items and if any are developed, same should be compared with JAMES EARL RAY'S.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1982 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GERNMEN

Memorandum

TO : ALL AGENTS NO. 33

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM: SA VERNON P. COYNE (A)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following teletype from the Director to all SACs was received on April 22, 1968:

"You are reminded that all leads in this case must be covered within 24 hours, and all leads must be set forth by telephone or teletype. All border offices covering entry into Mexico and Canada and exit therefrom should insure that appropriate stops are maintained re subject and all names known to be used by him in respective offices of U. S. Immigration and Border Patrol. You should also insure that previous stops placed with any facilities should include all names used by the subject.

"Distribute sufficient quantities of wanted fliers and IOs to Narcotic Investigative agencies in order that their informants may be contacted. You should contact all criminal informants and appropriate racial and security informants. Legats Ottawa and Mexico City being advised separately."

LEADS

All SAs note contents this memorandum and contact CIs and appropriate racial and security informants.

Resident Agents at Bellingham and Spokane insure border stops are maintained.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE:

4/22/68

FROM:

SA EUGENE P. CLARK

SUBJECT:

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On 4/16/68, TODD SMITH, JR., Partner, City Peerless Laundry, 200 North First Street, Yakima, Washington, stated that the laundry marking machine used there is a Mark III Poly Mark which uses 5/8" tape made by the same company. Mr. SMITH stated that no machine using 1/4" tape is in use in the area of Yakima, so far as he knows.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1982 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.8

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA H. EDWARD MCNULTY

SUBJECT: MURICIN

CIVIL RIGHTS.

At 3:30 p.m., this date, Mr. CHARLES W. TAYLOR, 18th Ave. Seattle, tel: EA 2-6836, telephonically advised that in the early 1940s he worked for a plastering contractor name WALTER KAY, who lived in West Seattle. He claimed that WALTER RAY closely resembled the photo of the suspect in the AURKIN case and he thought that WALTER RAY might have been a relative of the suspect.

TAMLOR recalled that WALTER RAY was a plastering contractor who did small plastering jobs ondwellings and employed about 4 to 6 employees during the 1940s. RAY supposedly came from the State of Illinois and had a bad temper. TAYLOR said that he her a long time ago that WALTER is dead. TAYLOR also said that WALTER RAY was connected with the Plasters' U ion in the 1940s and had done the plastering of the club house at the Foster Golf Course.

Recommended Action: None.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 MAY 1962 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.6

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, SEATTLE (44-371)

DATE: 4/22/68

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. SNELL

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following investigation was conducted by SA WILLIAM H. SNELL on April 15, 1968:

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

"DANCING SCHOOLS"

The following agencies were contacted with negative results:

Kennelly Keys Music and Dance

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Shari's School of Dance.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

: SAC

(44-371)

DATE:

4/22/68

FROM: SA VERNON P. COYNE (A)

SUBJECT: MURKIN

By airtel from Memphis to all Continental Offices under date April 19, 1968, it was disclosed that the FBI Laboratory has advised that a pillow case and a bed sheet were found in the trunk of a 1966 white Mustang, registered to ERIC STARVO GALT, which was located at Atlanta 4/11/68. These items contain Thermo-Seal laundry tapes of approximately same size as tapes on items previously recovered, but are yellow in color and contain code "20R-3." In the opinion of the Textile Marking Machine Company, Syracuse, New York the tapes were produced by a different machine than previous tapes since the first three characters are 15 point type and the last two characters are 18 point type.

The Textile Marking Machine Company suggests the 20 in the above code would be the lot number, the R may mean that this was a return of a batch of laundry, and the 3 is the bundle number.

LEADS

Will recontact laundries determined to be operating Thermo-Seal marking machines in an effort to locate laundry using the code '20R-3."

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4) Peak number of Special Agents working on case during month for which report is submitted.

You should promptly request all Bureau offices involved in this case to furnish information requested herein to you and it should be included in your report."

Each office is requested to expeditiously furnish the Memphis Division with the above designated data within two work days after the close of each month. Secondly, each office is also requested to advise the Memphis Division even in the event each category is zero or no work is performed on this case during the month.

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TO ALL SACS RELAY MESSAGE PLAN
FROM DIRECTOR 44-38861 1P

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YOU ARE REMINDED THAT ALL LEADS IN THIS CASE MUST BE COVERED WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, AND ALL LEADS MUST BE SET FORTH BY TELEPHONE OR TELETYPE. ALL BORDER OFFICES COVARING ENTRY INTO MEXICO AND CANADA AND EXIT THEREFROM SHOULD INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE STOPS ARE MAINTAINED RE SUBJECT AND ALL NAMES KNOWN TO BE USED BY HIM AT RESPECTIVE OFFICES OF U. S. IMMIGRATION AND BORDER PATROL. YOU SHOULD ALSO INSURE THAT PREVIOUS STOPS PLACED WITH ANY FACILITY SHOULD INCLUDE ALL NAMES USED BY THE SUBJECT.

DISTRIBUTE SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES OF WANTED FLYERS

AND IO'S TO NARCOTIC INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES IN ORDER THAT

THEIR INFORMANTS MAY BE CONTACTED. YOU SHOULD CONTACT

ALL CRIMINAL INFORMANTS AND APPROPRIATE RACIAL AND SECURITY

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Two Warrants Out for Suspect In Dr. King Assassination Case

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — is a \$5,000 fir The mysterious Eric Starvo on sentence. Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The FBI said in a fugitive warrant issued Wednesday night in Birmingham, Ala., that Galt, 36, conspired with a man "whom he alleged to be his brother" to violate King's civil rights.

The state charge of first-degree murder was filed against Galt in Memphis where King, 39, Nobel Prize winning civil rights leader, was shot to death on a motel balcony April 4 by a sniper who fled from a nearby rooming house.

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty although the electric chair has not been used in the state since 1960.

The maximum penalty under the-federal charge of conspiracy to violate a person's civil rights

is a \$5,000 fine and 10-year pris-, in the FBI statement about the

There was no further mention was filed against him.



ERIC STARVO GALT Mystery Man Sought

alleged brother and no charge

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced in Washington that the conspiracy to "injure, op-press, threaten or intimidate" King began "on or about March 30" in Birmingham.

The FBI statement said a .30-06 rifle equipped with a telescopic sight found near the rooming house shortly after King was slain, was purchased March 30 in Birmingham.

The statement did not connect Galt directly with the rifle.

The FBI released a photograph of Galt and solicited public aid in finding him. Whether this appeal meant the trail had become cold was unclear, but U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark told a reporter in Washington that he felt this was not the situation.

The FBI started hunting Galt a week ago. Agents even con-(Continued on Page Four)

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tacted nersons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

The picture—which had to have the eyes "opened" by an artist-brought uncertain sponses from witnesses who were acquainted with Galt saw the fleeing sniper.

"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevens, who lives at the Main Street rooming house from which the fatal shot apparently was fired.

Glimpse Only Fleeting

"The hair is too full and the face is too young," he said. But Stevens said he only got a side view of the fleeing figure.

A source in Birmingham said the photograph was taken within the past three months, although the FBI did not specify though the FBI did not specify 1968, and to have departed from when it was made. The photo there for Atlanta," the FBI has sharp contrast, making hair and features very dark.

The FBI, relying on witnesses apparently, said the fugitive had been described as a white man, 5-8 to 5-11, weighing 160 to 175 pounds, with brown hair in a brush cut, blue eyes, straight

Persons who have met Galt, the FBI reported, described him as a loner with a "rural" speech and little schooling, fond of vodka, beer and hillbilly music.

Lobe Pulled The FBI statement also said, "The fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes further from his head than his right ear."

"Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," the FBI release warned.

Galt has used the names of John Willard and Harvey Low-meyer, the FBI said. The assassin registered at the Memphis rooming house under the name of John Willard.

Many Gaps

Details of the alleged conspiracy were missing from the FBI release, as were vital statistics, such as Galt's birthplace, forschooling, employment. mal statement The said Galt claimed to have been a cook on Mississippi riverboats, a merchant seaman and "is said to be an avid dancer."

Galt, the FBI said, is the owner of a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates aban-doned in Atlanta the day after King was shot to death. The vehicle was left in the parking lot of an apartment project near the Georgia Capitol.

Two white Mustangs were parked near the rooming house shortly before the shooting, wit-

nesses have said, and both disappeared minutes later. Some. witnesses told of a man in a black business suit, neatly dressed, walking down the steps to the street, dropping a rifle and getting into a Mustang with either Alabama or Arkansas tags.

The FBI said Galt's car traveled more than 19,000 miles between Aug. 30, 1967, when he bought it in Birmingham and its abandonment last week in Atlanta. There were trips to Los Angeles, New Orleans and Mex-

ico, the FBI said.
"Galt was reported to have been in Memphis April 3 and 4, said.

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Galt Trail Leads FBI to California

BIRMINGHAM, A I a. — (UPI)—FBI agents believed at one point Wednesday that they had tracked down Eric Starvo Galt, the alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, somewhere in California, sources close to the investigation disclosed yesterday.

The tip reportedly came from the "alleged brother" or some other co-conspirator in the killing.

It apparently was because of the expected impending arrest that authorities obtained, a first-degree murder yarrant against Galt, and also a federal warrant charging him with conspir-

THE EXACT location in California where authorities expected to make the arrest was not disclosed, but Galt is known to have spent time in the Los Angeles area.

Sources said the tip obviously was wrong, or that Galt—if he is in California—eluded authorities.

An FBI spokesman in Washington said, "The FBI has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," but source indicated the FBI was either in communication with or questioning the "alleged brother" of Eric Galt. The brother has not been charged.

After Galt bought a rifle from a sporting goods store here March 29, sources

said, he took it to the "alleged brother" who was quoted as saying the .243 Remington rifle was "not the gun we need." Galt returned to the sporting goods store and swapped the first rifle for a .30-'06 Remington pump action rifle on March 30, sources close to the investigation said.

THE FBI has refused to say what ballistics tests on that weapon, found near the Memphis, Tenn., flophouse that served as the super's post, had revealed.

The FBI apparently had reason to believe that Galt, who speaks with a rural accent and had several aliases, might have returned to Birmingham after the assassination April 4.

A check of 22 rooming houses in Birmingham yesterday found 10 managers who said FBI agents had questioned them in search of Galt early this week.

Most of the same hoarding houses had already been checked by FBI agents in the days immediately after the slaying when agents traced the rifle found in Memphis to the Birmingham sporting goods store.

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Wednesday on a federal
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Galt Charged in King Death

FBI Names Suspect in Memphis Assassination

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—Mysterious Eric Starvo Galt, a March graduate of a bartender school, was charged Wednesday night with murder in the April 4 sniper assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Nobel prizewinning minister and world leader of nonviolence.

A state warrant charging first degree murder was issued in Memphis five hours after the FBI announced a federal complaint charging Galt with conspiracy in the slaying.

King, 39, was shot to death on the second floor balchny of a Memphis motel the day after he returned to lead garbage workers in another march.

Second Man Unidentified

The FBI complaint charges that Galt, a white man who has been hunted for a week, entered into a conspiracy about March 29 in Birmingham, Ala., with a man who Galt claimed was his brother. The FBI warrant was issued in Birmingham.

There was no indication that other persons would be charged with conspiracy, nor was the second man who Galt said was his brother identified or charged.

A Memphis witness said an FBI photo of the wanted man does not resemble the man who fled the scene after the shoot-

ing.
"Unless he was wearing a wig or had had a face lift or something, it's not the man I saw," said Charles Q. Stevers, a resident of the Main Street rooming house from which the sniper was believed to have shot King.
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"The hair is too full and the face is too young," said Stevens. He said he only got a side view of the fleeing man, however.

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Recent Photo

The FBI did not indicate when the photograph was made, but a source said it was taken within the past three months.

In Birmingham, Galt's landlord for six weeks last fall, Peter Cerpes, told The Associated Press that the FBI photo might be a picture of Galt. "It's very near, but I'm not sure," said Cherpes. He remembered his boarder's hair being much ighter. The FBI description said, "Galt has brown hair."

The AP reported Monday that Cerpes had identified FBI drawings as the Eric Galt who had lived at the Birmingham rooming house from Aug. 26 to Oct. 7, 1967.

An Atlanta taxicab driver said an FBI picture he identified as a two-block fare the night after the slaying was different from the one released Wednesday. "That is definitely not the man I

picked up," the cab driver said.
Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who went to Memphis after the slaying of the civil rights leader, announced in a statement released by the FBI that Galt was being sought as a fugitive on the charge of conspiring to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate King in the exercise of a federal right "namely, the right to freely travel from state to state."

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Dr. King's Death Ordered?

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — (UPI) — The U.S. Attorney's Office in Kansas City revealed yesterday that an informant of "apparent reliability" told the federal government some time ago that Minuteman chieftain Robert B. DePugh had ordered the assassination of several persons, including Dr. Martin Luther King, if he ever went to prison.

In a motion filed with the Eighth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis, the U.S. Attorney's Office here quoted the informant as saying:

"DePUGH has issued orders to other Minutemen that, if he goes to jail, certain persons connected with his prosecution and others are to be assassinated, including Martin Luther King."

apePugh disappeared late last year. His right-wing guerrilla group believes the government is being taken over by communists Anthony P. Nugent Jr., assistant U.S. attorney, said, however, that "nobody to my knowledge considers DePugh a suspect in the King murder."

Nugent said the purpose of the motion was to strengthen the notion was to strength's case to nullify Depugh's appeal of his conviction of violating the National Firearms Act in Kansas City in November of 1966.

THE MOTION noted that DePugh has declared nimself a "fugitive from injustice" and has publicly stated his intent to evade capture

"King's name was mentioned only because we thought this information ought to be brought out instead of suppressed.

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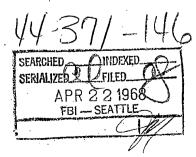
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Inquiry at the following was made with negative results, and no individual resembling unsub was observed:

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At 12;30 p.m., his date, Mrs. JACQUELING SWANSON, 706 Summit E., Seattle, tel: EA 9-5661, called and said that she had just left the public parking lot located across the street from the IEM Building, which lot is located on 6th Ave. between Senca and Spring Sts. near the Plymouth Congregational Church and that she observed a late model WhiteMustang, bearing Alabama license 30-12076 parked in that lot.

She thought that if JAMES EARL RAY's Mustang had not lowated as yet, this might be it.

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