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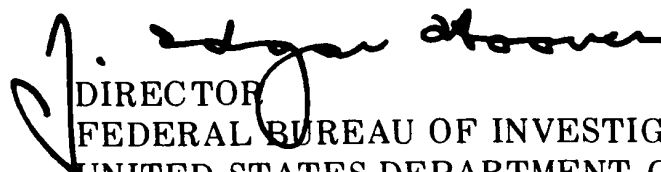
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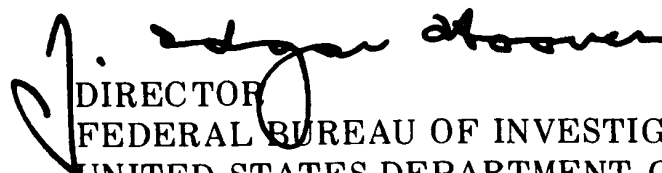
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Sketch in King Case Matches Cab Patron

By JOE ZELLNER

ATLANTA, Ga. — (AP) — An Atlanta taxi driver says an FBI sketch matches a rude patron who rode with him two blocks in northeast Atlanta's "hippie" section a night after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain.

He said the man he identified to an FBI agent in a sketch Tuesday was in a hurry and rushed from his taxi, flinging the fare onto the seat.

The driver, who asked that his name not be used, said FBI agents have been checking taxi trip sheets since a white Mustang, matching the description of a car seen leaving the assassination scene in Memphis, was found abandoned in Atlanta last week.

'NO COMMENT'

The FBI continued its "no comment" policy. Atlanta police said they had received no information on the report.

In Birmingham Monday, the landlord of a boarding house said he was sure the description of Eric Starvo Galt fit that of a man sought by the FBI. "That's him, I'm sure," said Peter Cherpes, 72, referring to the drawings.

The Atlanta taxi driver said the name Galt was not mentioned to him by the FBI agent.

He said the agent questioned him first about a fare he had carried from a night club near Peachtree and 10th Streets, but the driver said he knew the patron "and he was not the same man."

However, the agent then disclosed the sketch which appeared to be a type of composite photograph, and the driver recognized him as a fare he had picked up between 10 p.m. and

midnight Friday, April 5, about four blocks away at Peachtree and 14th Streets in front of a "hippie" coffee house. He said the man appeared to be in a hurry.

"He told me to make a right-hand turn, and he'd let me know when to stop," the driver said. "I went about two blocks, and he told me he wanted to get out."

"When I stopped, he opened the door, and I turned around to make sure I got my fare. I got a good look at him. I put my hand out, but he threw the money on the seat, and it fell on the floor," the driver said. "That made me mad. That's the main reason I remember him so well."

He said the man left the taxi and started away. "I don't know where he went," the driver said. "I drove off."

The driver described the man as about 5 feet 11 and 28 to 30 years old with dark brown hair.

"He was very neatly dressed," he said, adding that the man wore a sport coat with a light-colored shirt without a tie. "He looked as if he had had acne. It looked like little scars on his face from pimples."

The driver said he had seen several sketches. "News reporters haven't shown me any sketches of anyone I've seen," he said. "The FBI has."

However, he then looked at a sketch drawn by an artist in Mexican police headquarters after authorities in that country were drawn into the probe and said it contained some features of the FBI picture "mainly around the eyes."

"The picture they have," he said of the FBI, "that's the man who was in my cab."

FBI agents have questioned hundreds of persons in search of the man named Galt who had

identified himself in Birmingham as an unemployed merchant seaman and as a shipyard worker.

Galt lived at the Cherpes place in Birmingham from Aug.

26 to Oct. 7, then dropped from sight.

The white Mustang found in Atlanta had an Alabama tag issued to him at the Birmingham boarding house address.

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WASHINGTON, April 17 — (UPI) — The FBI Wednesday issued a warrant charging Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

It was the first official confirmation of a suspected conspiracy in the slaying of the civil rights leader in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark announced that Galt was being sought as a fugitive on a federal charge of conspiracy to violate Dr. King's civil rights.

Wednesday night, Memphis Dist. Atty. Phil Canale filed a charge of murder against Galt, and a state warrant was issued.

The FBI issued two photographs of a man it identified as Galt, also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard. His eyes were closed in one photograph.

The opened eyes were sketched in the photograph by the FBI artists.

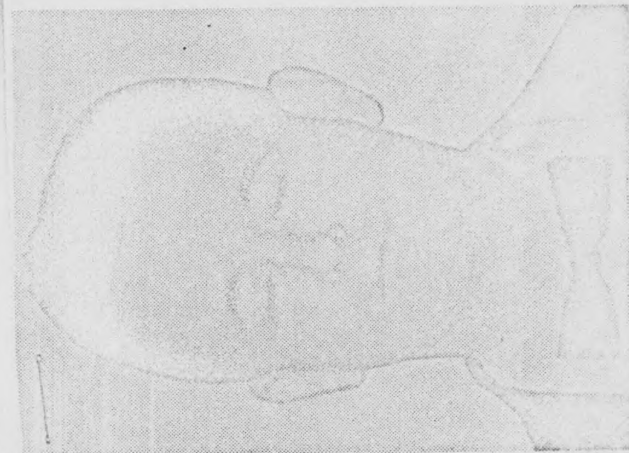
The FBI complaint filed in Birmingham, Ala., charges that Galt and an individual "whom he alleged to be his brother entered into a conspiracy which continued until on or about April 5, 1968, to injure, oppress, threaten or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

Authorities did not further identify the "brother" and announced no more information about him.

The FBI charged that the conspiracy began at Birmingham on or about March 29, 1968.

In furtherance of the conspiracy, the FBI charged that Galt on or about March 30 purchased a rifle in Birmingham.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover said a 30.06-caliber rifle equipped with a telescopic sight was found near a rooming house on South Main st. in Memphis immediately after Dr. King was shot. The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Motel where Dr. King was staying.



UPI TELEPHOTOS
slaying. Photo at right has eyes opened by FBI artist. Authorities declined to say where picture at left was obtained by FBI.

Pictures of Eric Starvo Galt, issued late Wednesday by the FBI in connection with warrant for him in the Martin Luther King

Conspiracy Warrant

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Issued for Galt

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Hoover said FBI agents had determined that the rifle and telescopic sight had been purchased from an unidentified gun dealer in Birmingham on March 30. The FBI did not say that the gun was the murder weapon.

Hoover did identify Galt as the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates which was found abandoned in Atlanta April 11.

Galt purchased the car from a citizen in Birmingham Aug. 30, 1967, the FBI said. The Mustang's odometer showed that it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August and early April of this year.

Hoover said Galt had driven the car to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico, as well as to Memphis and to Atlanta. He was reported to have been in Memphis April 3-4 and to have left there for Atlanta.

Galt was described as a white male between 5 feet 8 inches and 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing 160 to 170 pounds. He was described as a neat dresser with a medium build.

The FBI said its investigation has disclosed that Galt claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He was described as an

avid dancer who took lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965; in Birmingham during September and October 1967, and in Long Beach, Calif., from December 1967, to last February.

Galt left Los Angeles last Dec. 15, the FBI said, and drove the white Mustang to New Orleans, where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting company. The FBI did not explain why he had done so.

It said Galt went to New Orleans Dec. 19 and returned to Los Angeles last Dec. 21. While in Los Angeles early this year, the FBI said, Galt took a course at a school of bartending and was graduated on March 2.

The FBI refused to say where it obtained Galt's photograph. It said he had brown hair which he wore in a brush cut, blue eyes, a straight and narrow nose, and straight and clean teeth. It said he had given his birth date as July 20, 1931.

The fugitive was further described as having a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right, the FBI said.

Hoover said persons who have met Galt said he was a "loner" whose language and diction suggest "he probably does not have a high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages with a preference for vodka and beer.

Galt is a fan of Western and country music. The FBI said he should be considered armed and dangerous.

The federal charge of conspiracy to violate Dr. King's civil rights does not preclude the

There's still much mystery about Eric Galt, sought on a conspiracy warrant in Dr. King's assassination, Page 36.

possibility that the state of Tennessee would charge Dr. King's assassin with murder.

Earlier information in the case suggested strongly that Galt's identity was carefully contrived seven months before Dr. King's murder to help disguise the real killer.

In Birmingham, Peter cherpes, Galt's former landlord who earlier said sketches of the man seen running from the vicinity of where King was slain were definitely Galt said: "I don't think so," when asked if the FBI photographs were of his former tenant.

Others in Birmingham who had identified the sketches as Galt said they were not satisfied the photograph was that of the man named in the conspiracy warrant.

In Memphis, Mrs. Bessie Brewer, who rented a room to Dr. King's killer, said: "I just don't know, I just don't know if it's him," when she was shown the FBI picture. "All I noticed was that he was a neat dresser."

Charlie Stevens, who lives in the flophouse and saw the killer, said the photograph "doesn't register."

(An Atlanta taxicab driver told the Associated Press that an FBI picture he identified as a man he hauled two blocks the night after Dr. King was assassinated was different from the picture of Eric Galt released by the FBI Wednesday.

("The one the FBI showed me was much younger. The face was much thinner. The cheeks weren't as fleshy," said the driver, who has asked that he not be identified.)

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Still Is Much Mystery About King Case Suspect

By THOMAS TALBURT
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, April 17 — The FBI has fleshed in the phantom figure of Eric Starvo Galt and charged him with conspiracy in the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

But in filing a warrant for Galt's arrest in Birmingham, Ala., the FBI left unanswered these key questions in the case: Where is Galt?

Who is the mysterious suspected conspirator and what role did he play? The FBI complaint says only that Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother" entered into a conspiracy against Dr. King. Where did the FBI obtain its information about Galt and where did it get the pictures of him it released Wednesday night?

In what appeared to be the first big break in the murder of Dr. King two weeks ago, Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark described Galt as 36 years old, white, a neat dresser, a man of apparently limited education with a preference for vodka and beer, Country and Western music.

He has a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an earlobe with his hand, Clark reported, and persons who have met Galt described him as a loner.

Active Dancer

He wears his brown hair in a brush cut, has a "straight and narrow" nose. He's said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans, Birmingham and Long Beach, Calif., at intervals between 1964

and February of this year.

He has told people he has been employed as a cook on Mississippi River vessels and as a merchant seaman. He had attended a school for bartenders in Los Angeles early this year and was graduated March 2.

The FBI charges the conspiracy against Dr. King began in Birmingham March 29 and that the next day Galt purchased a rifle and a telescopic sight there.

The complaint also says the conspiracy continued until "on or about" April 5—the day after Dr. King was gunned down on a Memphis motel balcony. This appeared to suggest that Galt's unidentified "brother" may have assisted in his getaway by acting as a decoy or leaving false leads for police after Dr. King was shot.

While FBI director J. Edgar Hoover said a rifle with telescopic sight was found near the rooming house from which Dr. King's assassin fired the fatal shot, the FBI did not specifically identify the rifle as the murder weapon.

Hoover did identify Galt as the owner of a 1966 white Mustang bearing Alabama license plates found abandoned in Atlanta April 11. A white Mustang was spotted leaving the murder scene.

The Mustang found in Atlanta

had been driven more than 19,000 miles since last August when Galt bought it in Birmingham, Hoover said. It had been to Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham and Mexico, as well as Memphis and Atlanta, he said.

Viewed as the most intriguing aspect of the case now was the emergence of the suspected conspirator Galt obviously told someone was his brother.

Soon after Dr. King's murder, Clark said it appeared to be the work of one man and virtually ruled out a conspiracy.

The complaint against Galt specifically charges Galt and the "brother" with conspiring to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Dr. King in his right to travel freely from state to state.

Murder Charge

Justice Department officials said this law carries only a 10-year prison sentence and \$5000 fine on conviction, but noted Clark has indicated that when Dr. King's slayer is found he would be turned over to Tennessee authorities for trial on a murder charge.

The new civil rights law, had it been enacted before Dr. King's slaying, would have permitted the Justice Department to bring a federal murder charge against Dr. King's assassin. As it turned out it was the King assassination that spurred Congress to pass the law.

The FBI said Galt has used the names of Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard—the latter name was used by the suspected killer when he checked into the rooming house across from Dr. King's motel.

Galt's birthplace was not revealed.

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State, Federal Papers Name Galt, 'Brother'

MEMPHIS, Tenn. —(AP)— The mysterious Eric Starvo Galt has been charged with conspiracy and murder in the assassination of the Rev. 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 hotel balcony April 4 by a sniper who hid from a nearby rooming house.

First-degree murder in Tennessee carries the death penalty.

Federal Penalty

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.

The state charge against Galt is contained in a warrant. Before he could stand trial, he must be indicted by a grand jury.

There was no further mention in the FBI statement of the alleged brother and no charge was filed against him.

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

The FBI statement said a 30.06 rifle 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.

Public Help Asked

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 contacted persons named Galt in several states in an attempt to find him.

The picture — which had to have the eyes "opened" by an artist — brought unkind remarks from witnesses who were helped out by Galt or saw the "opening" of his eyes.

"Could he be wearing a wig or had he been blind?" one man said. "It's not the



FBI RELEASED THESE PHOTOS OF ERIC S. GALT, MURDER SUSPECT
Opened eyes in photo at right were added by FBI artist using another photo.

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FBI's Photo of Galt Brings Uncertain Responses

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FROM - S.A. ALVIN D. HEWITT

RE - MURKIN.

Re Office phone call to S.A. E. WILLIAM TRAINOR, Pueblo R.A. this date instructing review of "Yellow Pages" Phone Book(s) for contact of "Schools of Dance - Dance Schools."

AT PUEBLO, COLO: PUEBLO COUNTY:

Pueblo Phone Book lists following:

- (1) (ARTHUR MURRAY SCHOOL OF DANCING
424 S Nevada, Ph Colo Spgs .Long Distance
632-7648)

Such school is not presently known to have local facilities.

- (2) (DANCE ARTS SCHOOL, 801 North Santa Fe,
For further info Call Colo Spgs Long
Distance 495-2211 MARJORIE DEAN and
KEITH WILLIS, Directors)

MRS ROSE MARIE MARTINEZ' I.W.C.A., 801 North Santa Fe, Pueblo states school normally operates between 9:30 AM- 5:30 PM on Saturdays and occasionally on Tuesdays. Stated directors could be contacted at RT 4 - 52 North Forest, Colo. Spgs. Stated she has never observed any adult male students.

- (3) (SARAH SHAW DANCE STUDIO, 113 Colorado, Pueblo. This school has moved to 902 Berkley, Pueblo, where SARAH SHAW stated she had no adult male pupils and could not identify ERIC STANVO GALT. She stated an adult male phoned school about a month ago, refused to give name, inquired about classes, and hung up.

AT TRINIDAD COLO - LAS ANIMAS COUNTY;
AT WALSENBURG, COLO -HUERFANO COUNTY:

No schools appear in "Yellow Pages" or are otherwise known.

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TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

FROM : SA RAYMOND J. FOX

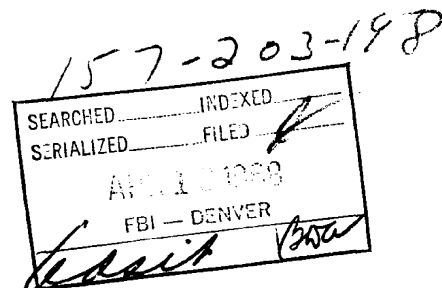
SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/19/68

On 4/18/68, Chief of Police H. BLUME, Lamar, Colorado, advised that RONALD FRENCH, age 37, a white male, born [redacted] at Lorenzo, Texas, had been released from the Fort Lyons Mental Hospital, where he had been confined as a mental patient. Chief BLUME said that records of the Fort Lyons Hospital show that FRENCH was discharged from this institution on 12/4/67. FRENCH is further described as 6 feet tall, 160 pounds, brown hair, blue eyes. He said that FRENCH's father, DEWEY L. FRENCH resides at 1128 Alaska, El Paso, Texas.

In view of information furnished by Chief BLUME regarding FRENCH having been a mental patient, and his whereabouts accounted for during the recent past, it appears that FRENCH can be eliminated as being possibly identical with ERIC STARVO GAULT.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-203)

FROM : SA KELLY V. ENGLAND

SUBJECT: MURKIN

DATE: 4/17/68

On 4/17/68 PETER DARMOPRAY, Examiner, Adams County Department of Motor Vehicles, 2340 Dayton Street, Aurora, Colorado, advised that GARY LEE SMITH had applied for and received a Colorado drivers license, number A254672. Mr. DARMOPRAY made available the drivers license application and the request for search of National Driver Register.

Mr. DARMOPRAY stated that he had talked with SMITH when he had applied for the license and during this conversation SMITH had stated that in late December, 1967, he had completed three years with the U. S. Marine Corps and had been discharged at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. SMITH also stated that he was from Lincoln, Nebraska, and had had in the past a Nebraska license. Mr. DARMOPRAY advised that SMITH had a self-made identification card and a brand new wallet. SMITH stated that he had recently lost his old wallet and all his identification. During this conversation SMITH did not mention when or how he traveled from North Carolina to Denver.

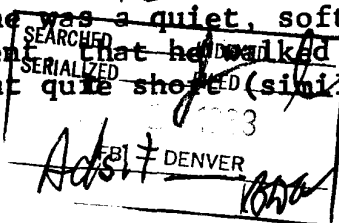
MARGARET PREMIER, Clerk, Adams County Department of Motor Vehicles, advised that she had observed when SMITH paid for his drivers license that his wallet was filled with a considerable amount of cash. Mrs. PREMIER estimated there was about \$500, mainly in \$20 bills, in the wallet.

The following description of SMITH not listed on his drivers license application was obtained from DARMOPRAY and PREMIER:

They stated he was a quiet, soft spoken person with no noticeable accent that he had walked with a military bearing, had his hair cut quite short (similar to military haircut),



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wore dark slack type trousers, white shirt and tie, gray coat, beige overcoat and casual loafer type shoes.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, DENVER (157-203)

DATE: April 17, 1968

FROM : WILLIAM JOHN SPRING

SUBJECT: MURKING

On this date at 12:25 pm, JOE ONTIVEROS, Aurora Motor Vehicle Department, 2340 Dayton Street, Aurora, Colorado, telephonically advised that an individual with the name of GARY LEE SMITH applied for a Colorado Drivers ^{License} today and took the drivers test with what SMITH said was a borrowed car, a 1960 Chevrolet Corvair, 2-door, with 1968 Colorado License A_339. The examiner failed to obtain the second letter prefix.

SMITH is described as WMA, 175 lbs., 5'11", brown hair and blue eyes. He is residing at the Central YMCA, 25 E. 16th Avenue, Denver and stated that he came from the state of Nebraska.

ONTIVEROS stated that SMITH resembles the description and artist's drawing of MARTIN LUTHER KING's assassin.

He further advised that they possess his fingerprints and a photo and will make it available upon request.

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