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ATTORNEY GENERAL RAMSEY CLARK ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT THE FBI HAS IDENTIFIED JAMES EARL RAY, AN ESCAPEE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AS ERIC STARVO GALT, AGAINST WHOM A FEDERAL COMPLAINT WAS FILED LAST WEDNESDAY IN CONNECTION WITH THE FATAL SHOOTING OF THE REVEREND DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER SAID THAT A SYSTEMATIC AND EXHAUSTIVE SEARCH OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS UNCOVERED IN THE DR. KING CASE AGAINST THE FINGERPRINTS OF THE OVER 53,000 PERSONS FROM WHOM "WANTED NOTICES" HAVE BEEN POSTED IN THE FILES OF THE FBI"S IDENTIFICATION DIVISION LED TO THE DETERMINATION THAT GALT AND RAY ARE IDENTICAL.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT RAY, WHO IS 40 YEARS OF AGE, WAS REPORTED MISSING FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY AT JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, SINCE APRIL 23, 1967. HE HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT THAT INSTITUTION ON MARCH 17, 1960, TO SERVE A 20-YEAR SENTENCE FOLLOWING CONVICTION IN ST. LOUIS FOR ARMED ROBBERY AND FOR OPERATING A MOTOR VEHICLE WITHOUT PERMISSION OF THE OWNER.

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IN SEPTEMBER, 1966, WHILE SERVING THIS SENTENCE, HE WAS CONFINED FOR A TIME IN THE MAXIMUM SECURITY WARD AT THE STATE HOSPITAL AT FULTON, MISSOURI.

DATING BACK TO 1949. PRIOR TO THE 1960 CONVICTION FOR WHICH HE RECEIVED THE 20-YEAR TERM, RAY HAD BEEN CONVICTED OF BURGLARY IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN 1949: ARMED ROBBERY IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN 1952; AND FORGING UNITED STATES POSTAL MONEY ORDERS IN MISSOURI IN 1955.

HE HAS SERVED TERMS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL IN
1949: IN STATE PRISONS AT JOLIET AND PONTIAC, ILLINOIS, IN 1952-54;
AND IN THE FEDERAL PENITENTIARY AT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, IN 1955-58.

RAY WAS AN ENLISTED MAN IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FROM FEBRUARY, 1946, TO DECEMBER, 1948, AT WHICH TIME HE WAS GIVEN A GENERAL DISCHARGE DUE TO INEPTNESS AND LACK OF ADAPTABILITY FOR MILITARY SERVICE. WHILE IN THE ARMY, HE RECEIVED A THREE-MONTH SENTENCE AT HARD LABOR FOR BEING DRUNK AND BREAKING ARREST.

MR. HOOVER SAID THAT DURING HIS CRIMINAL CAREER, RAY
HAS ALSO USED THE NAMES OF JAMES MCBRIDE, JAMES WALTON, W. C.
HERRON AND JAMES O'CONNER. HE IS A WHITE MALE: CLAIMS TO HAVE

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HIS FOREHEAD AND A SCAR ON THE PALM OF HIS RIGHT HAND.

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE

RAY HAS CLAIMED THAT HE ATTENDED SCHOOL THROUGH THE 10TH GRADE IN ALTON, ILLINOIS. HE HAS HAD THE REPUTATION OF BEING A "DRIFTER" SINCE LEAVING SCHOOL. HIS VOCATIONAL EXPERIENCE INCLUDES WORKING AS A BAKER, LABORER AND COLOR MATCHER.

IN CONNECTION WITH HIS ESCAPE FROM THE MISSOURI STATE PENITENTIARY, AN FBI COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI, ON JULY 20, 1967, CHARGING RAY WITH UNLAWFULLY FLEEING FROM THE STATE OF MISSOURI TO AVOID CONFINEMENT. HE HAS BEEN A FEDERAL FUGITIVE SINCE THEN.

RAY SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND EXTREMELY DANGEROUS.

ANYONE HAVING INFORMATION CONCERNING HIM SHOULD IMMEDIATELY

CONTACT FBI HEADQUARTERS IN WASHINGTON, D. C., OR THE NEAREST

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FBI, Police, Newsmen Ask: Who Is Eric Starvo Galt?

By DON MCKEE Associated Press Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — Federal agents have scoured this city showing sketches of a man's face and asking about the name Eric Starvo Galt, the mysterious object of a hunt linked to the probe of Dr. Martion.

What the agents have learned or what they want with Galt is a tightly kept FBI secret. "No comment," is all the FBI will have been asked to help in Birmingham.

Some key sources have been told by the FBI not to discuss. their knowledge of Galt with anyone. The FBI has collected the records of a rooming house, seized a car with an Alabama Florida.

Who is Eric Starvo Galt? The name came up last Thursday on the Florida police teletype system from the FBI asking authorities to locate Galt. The message said Galt was driving a 1966 white Mustang hardtop with Alabama tag 1-38993.

At almost the same time the Florida alert went out, FBI agents in Atlanta were taking into custody a white Mustang with Alabama tag 1-38993, sold to Galt.

The getaway car after King's April 4 slaying in Memphis was described by witnesses as a white Mustang with red and white license tags, like Alabama's.

Eric Starvo Galt's name apwhen he bought a white Mus- for weeks or months at a time." tang last Aug. 30 from a car salesman, William D. Paisley of Birmingham. Paisley would not talk about it.

Sources said the man called

Galt paid \$2,000 cash for the MORE 'NO COMMENT'

The application gave his birth-date as July 20, 1931, and his description as 5-11, 175 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair-the same general description as a tin Luther King Jr.'s assassina, man seen fleeing a Memphis rooming house after the slaying.

Piecing bits of information together-and assessing the huge gaps, the phantom-like quality of the man-results in a sketchy say. Not even the local police picture of a neatly dressed man whose apparent absence of any kind of official records seems strange.

> There has been speculation in the Birmingham News that a false trail was laid by the killer or killers.

But what of Eric Starvo Galt? tag sold to Galt, and issued for "My memory of him is so four hours an alert for Galt in dim," said Charles Jack Davis, 26, a tile company employe who has a small second floor room in the boarding house where Galt lived at some time in the past year.

"I don't guess there's any

such thing as a typical person,"
Davis went on. The best he could recall was that Galt's general description was brown hair, and blue eyes, about 5-11.

Hill Hardy, who works the 3 p.m. to 11:30 shift at a paper plant, said he had lived at the stucco house since it opened last woman cashier at a cleaners on September. But he didn't re-26th Street. "I've been here two member ever seeing Galt.

Other boarders were unable to as a customer." remember much if anything at all about the man who had occu- NO RECORD pied room 14 on the ground peared in official state records floor, but was gone apparently

Owner-manager Peter When he applied for a driver's license, Galt put down "mer-chant seaman, unemployed." Cherpes has turned his records over to the FBI and refuses politely to talk about Galt. He litely to talk about Galt. He would not even say how much rent Galt paid, whether it was paid lately or if Galt still had the room.

Another boarder said a room and two meals a day cost \$22 a

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Cherpes probably knew Galt better than any other person who has been found in Birmingham. Cherpes accompanied Galt for his driver's license examination last Sept. 6, records show. Only last March 1, a duplicate driver's license was was mailed on request to Eric Star-vo Galt at the boarding house, 2608 Highland Ave.

Otherwise, Galt seemed to be almost a phantom.

At dry cleaners, service stations, apartment houses and other places in the southside area of the boarding house, no one contacted by The Associat-Another boarder, 29-year-old ed Press knew anything about Galt.

"The FBI has already checked our records," said a years and we have had no Galt

The man called Galt said he was a seaman, out of work, but the Maritime Union has no record of his name. He established no credit in Birmingham, so far as is known, and maintained only a safe deposit box at a local bank-no checking or savings account.

'A check of unemployment payment records in the State Department of Industrial Relations here disclosed no payments to Eric Starvo Galt. (Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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Neither was there a trace of the man called Galf in state birth records, Veterans' Administration files or police records. No one by that name has filled out an income tax return for the state back to 1963.

Most of the Birmingham hospital files were checked and show no Eric Starvo Galt.

There is one Galt listed in the city telephone directory: The Rev. Ralph M. Galt, a white minister of the United Church of Christ and instructor at Miles College, a predominantly Negro private school in Birmingham.

'RINGS NO BELLS'

"We don't know a thing about this person," said Mrs. Ralph M. Galt. "We have checked all the relatives we can think of. We've checked pictures and this man's description doesn't ring a bell."

She said her husband's family came from Iowa where the name Galt was not uncommon. But she said the names Eric and Starvo were unusual. "We don't know anybody in our family by that name," she said.

Mrs. Ralph Galt was wondering aloud over the possibility of a fictitious name. There were others who speculated along that line.

A character in a James Bond novel, "On Her Majesty's Secret Service," lias first and middle

names of some possible similarity: Ernest Stavro Blofeld.

And Ayn Rand in her book, title, "Atlas Shrugged," ask a strange question: "Who is John Galt?" This question, which was left unanswered for a long time in the book, is like that being asked in Birmingham:

"Who, and where, is Eric Starvo Galt?"

King Probers Find No Tracks Of Jobless Seaman Eric Galt

By Register Wire Services ATLANTA - FBI agents investigating the sniper-slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been on the trail of Eric Starvo Galt, listed as an unemployed merchant mariner, for nearly a week, it was learned Friday.

Galt's name first surged into the headlines Thursday night when a white Mustang auto, registered to him and resem-bling one that reportedly sped from the King assassination scere, was found parked in an Atlanta apartment complex.

No warrant has been issued for Galt's arrest, but it was learned that the FBI in Miami had issued - and then for unexplained reasons withdrew - a 'locate and notify" bulletin on Galt Thursday.

ALABAMA PLATES

The Mustang registered to Galt carried Alaoama license number 1-38993. A check with Alabama authorities established Galt's address as a roominghouse at 2608 Highland Ave. in Birmingham, but residents, while recalling Galt, said they had not seen him since Novem-

In obtaining his driver's li-cense in 1967, Galt listed his occupation as an unemployed

merchant mariner.

The FBI replied with a blan-ket "no comment" to all ques- man on the run and were confitions concerning the King inves- dent the case would be solved. tigation, but persons at the Biragents were asking "plenty" of questions about Galt last week.

This was four or five full days Luther King. before the Mustang was located in Atlanta.

The only official announcements in the King case have come from Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark, who was sent to Mem-phis by President Johnson to help with the investigation after King was killed by a sniper him.

Clark said authorities had a suspect and his "name," but would not disclose the name. He also said that officials had a

cony last Thursday.

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HOW ARTISTS VIEW KING MURDER SUSPECT—At left is Mexican Police Headquarters artist Sergio Jaubert's re-creation of physical features of the man suspected of killing Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., in Memphis, Tenn., last week. Drawing was based on the description supplied by FBI authorities. At right is the conception of the man made by Memphis Commercial Appeal artist Bill Herrington based on a description given by a man who lives in the building in Memphis from where the shot was fired. (Mobile Press Register-AP Wirephoto)

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mingham roominghouse said FBI agents "are working death weapon, a rifle, was puraround the clock pursuing every chased. lead" to the killer of Dr. Martin

PRESS STATEMENT

through his press office, and the house, also had made a check attorney general refused re-quests by newsmen to question Mystang was found.

stantial. While it remains im- union offices two days ago and hopeful that it will be soon." to get a read on Galt.

It is understood that the statement was cleared with the FBI before the attorney general made it public.

'In Birmingham, sources re-ported the FBI had taken all an on the run and were confi-ent the case would be solved. Clark reported Friday that the city where they said the

RECORDS CHECKED

'UPI reporters checking with maritime officials in Mobile Clark's statement, his first learned Friday that agents, in public pronouncement on the addition to questioning persons case in five days, was issued at the Birmingham boarding-

A spokesman at the Seafarers The attorney general said International Union in Mobile "physical evidence is very sub-said agents had visited the possible to predict when the kil- had gone through automated ler will be arrested, I remain files, without success, in trying (Indicate page; name of newspaper, city and state.)

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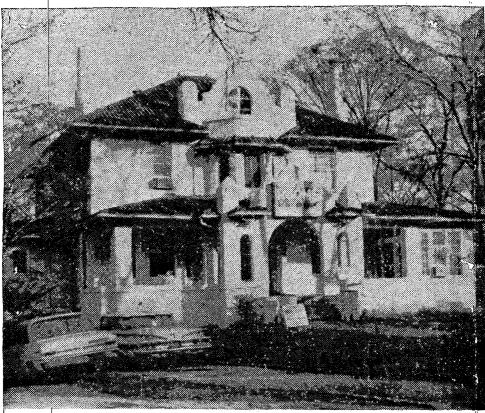
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LAST KNOWN ADDRESS—Here is the last known address of Eric S. Galt of 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham. Police in Birmingham said that a white Mustang found in Atlanta had a license tag which was issued -

to Gait. Witnesses in Memphis said they saw a white Mustang leave the area when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in Memphis. (Mobile Press Register AP Wirephoto)

Officials at the National Mari-tame Union in Mobile said agents had made a similar check there, and the Star Fish and Oyster Co., one of the largest firms of its kind in the area, said it also had been visited by agents.

Agents also checked out Coast Guard files in Washington during the day without finding any

trace of Galt.

This raised speculation, which again officials refused to con-firm or deny, whether someone, as early as last September, set about to establish credentials for a fictitious Eric Starvo Galt.

Alabama officials said that at the time he applied for his Alabama license, at the age of 36, he claimed to have had a Louisiana license since 1962, but there is no record that he en turned it in.

The name of Gast further was

Jefferson County, Ala.

Residents of the Atlanta who calmly got out of the car, locked it and walked away.

This description roughly tallia) with one given by occupants of a roominghouse in Memphis, where the assassip stood in a communal bath and fired the shot that killed King.

The assassin is believed to have checked into the roominghouse under the name of "John Willard." He was described as caim, neat and well-dressed an unlikely candidate for the \$8,50 a week room, which he paid for in advance.

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der that name on Oct. 2, 1967, in white Mustang and sped away message unintelligible to unauJefferson County, Ala. fired.

apartment complex where the car was found remember the driver as a neatly-dressed man ator confirmed he had relayed time student, for five hours, reports of an alleged police declined comment. Robert Jenchase of the assassin on the sen, agent in charge of the Memphis outskirts soon after Memphis FBI office, said: "My King was slain. He said he was instructions officially are no getting the reports, allegedly comment." from a police lieutenant in The newspaper said it could Patrol Car 160, on his CB radio. not identify the youth because

The lieutenant has denied of threats against him. making any such radio reports It quoted him as s County-Memphis officers said partment. they are considering scrambling devices for their radios

red.

Earlier, The Memphis Comble it on reception.

It quoted him as saying he and said he was involved in no picked up the signals from an chase. Police Director Frank unidentified citizens band "mo-Holloman said the report is un-bile operator" who "called for a der investigation - and Shelby telephone call to the police de

He said the unknown operator reported "he was chasing a white Mustang with the man who had shot King."

He said the operator reported details of the alleged chase and said he could not get too close to the white Mustang because, "'he's shooting at me.' "

The youth said he decided the messages were fake as the alleged chase progressed because the radio signals did not dim as they should have as the distances between the radios increased.

There has been speculation that the apparently unauthorized police transmissions were used to throw officers off the track and allow the killer to escape, possibly across the Memphis-Arkansas bridge over the Mississippi River about two miles from the slaying scene.

Charles Q. Stevens, who lives with his wife in a two-room epartment next door to the communal bathroom from which the fatal shot was believed fired, said FBI agents had shown them two composite drawings — one a partial profile and the other a full face view.

Stevens, who reported seeing the gunman fleeing said he recognized the side view drawing but not the full face view. He said agents had questioned him many times — "more times than the curly hairs I have on my head"

my head."

'Mrs. Bessie Brewer, manager of the rooming house, also said she had been shown composite drawings. But she said she couldn't recall whether FBI agents or newsmen had shown her the drawings.

From behind a locked screen door to her combination officeliving quarters, she refused to answer further questions.

In Atlanta, Rev. Ike Powell told The Associated Press Friday he notified police about the abandoned white Mustang Thursday after receiving a call from a member of his Inner City Methodist Church.

"They sent two detectives over there and two more came while we were there," the Rev. Mr. Powell said. "They went

over it, checked around, and didn't appear too excited."

But he said FBI agents arrived later and were "all over the place." The car bore 1968 Alabama license tags and two stickers which said "Turista," he said. Earlier reports indicated the investigation had spread to Mexico.

"it's funny how you almost don't want to call in on something like this," the minister said. "It's such a big world and there are so many." white Mustangs. It could be any one of them. I came within just a hair of not talking to police."

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National Guard Ordered Back In: Police Clamp Tight Curfew

By DOUG STONE Associated Press Writer

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) Martin Luther King Jr. was killed by an assasin's bullet Thursday night.

King, 39, was hit in the neck by a bullet as he stood on the balcony of a motel here. He died less than an hour later in St. Joseph Hospital.

Gov. Buford Ellington immediately ordered 4,000 Na-tional Guard troops back intethe city. A curfew, which was clamped on Memphis after a King-led march turned into a riot a week ago, was reimposed.

Police said incidents of vio-lence, including several fire bombings, were reported following King's death.

The 1964 Nobel Peace Prize winner, was standing on the balcony of his motel here, where he had come to lead protests in behalf of the city's 1,300 striking garbage workers, most of them Negroes, when he was shot.

TWO ARRESTED

Two unidentified men were arrested several blocks from the motel.



MARTIN LUTHER KING-

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Police also said they found a .30-06 rifle en Main Street about one block from the motel, but it was not confirmed whether this was the weapon that killed King.

An aide who was standing nearby said the shot hit King in the neck and lower right part of his, face.

"Martin Luther King is dead," said Asst. Police Chief Henry Lux, giving the first word of the death.

"We have been saddened," President Johnson told the nation on radio and television, "I ask every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck Dr. King who lived in nonviolence."

The President said he was postponing his trip to Hawaii, for a Vietnam strategy conference, until Friday. He had been scheduled to leave about midnight Thursday.

Asst. Hospital Administrator Paul Hess confirmed later that King died at 7 p.m. of a bullet wound in the neck.

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The Rev. Jesse Jackson said he and others in the King party were getting ready to go to dinner when the shooting occurred.

"King was on the second floor balcony of the motel," Jackson said. "He had just bent over. If he had been standing up, he wouldn't have been hit in the face:"

King had just told Ben Branch: "'My man, be sure to sing 'Blessed Lord' tonight and sing it well."

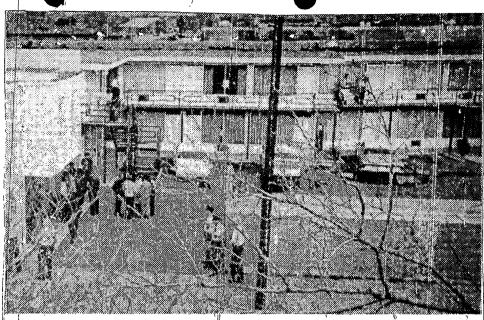
A shot then rang out, Jackson said.

Jackson said the only sound King uttered after that was: "Oh!"

"I knocked him down," he said. "When I turned around, I saw police coming from every-where. They said 'Behind you,' The police were coming from where the shot came."

Branch, another member of the King party, said, "The bul-let exploded in his face. It knocked him off his feet."

Solomon Jones, King's chauffeur, said he saw a "man in white clothes" running from the scene.



WHERE KING WAS ASSASSINATED—This, is an overhead view of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis as it swarmed with police Thursday night after the assassination of Press Register AP Wirephoto)

Dr. Martin Luther King. King was standing on the balcony of the second floor of the motel when fatally wounded. (Mobile

King had returned to Memphis Wednesday to lead another massive protest march next Monday in support of the garstrikers. Sympathizers from other parts of the country had announced they would join, and as many as 10,000 or more were expected for the march.

A similar march March 28 of about 6,000 erupted into the first violence in Memphis since the beginning of the civil rights movement. Police and march leaders, alike, blamed the outburst on Negro youths on the gation indicated the assassin fringe of the march.

One 17-year-old Negro youth was killed in the violence after the march, and his funeral Tuesday was attended by several thousand mourners.

MORE VIOLENCE

Violence erupted again shortly after King was shot. Police reported snipers firing on police and National Guard units and several persons were reported; hit by the shots.

Several firebombings and other acts of vandalism also were reported.

Police director Frank Holloman ordered a curfew back into effect "until further notice" as youths ran rampant, many of them with fire bombs in their hands._

National Guard units, which HALT ORDERED had been deactivated only Wednesday after five days on duty here, were called back to active duty and rushed to Mein-

A bomb threat was telephoned to Methodist Hospital and police were rushed to the scene.

Armed guards were immediately posted at St. Joseph Hospital where king died. Holloman said early investi-

was a white male, who was "50 to 100 yards away in a flop-house. He said police had no house. He said police had no definite leads, but that two persons were in custody.

The city's garbage collectors about 98 per cent of them Negroes, struck Feb. 12 for union recognition, payroll deduction of dues and pay increases.

Mayor Henry Loeb had declared the strike was illegal and said repeatedly he would not grant a written contract or the dues checkoff.

The strike, which drew its racial overtones from the large proportion of Negroes among the strikers, quickly took on a civil rights character.

In a speech here, King had said the strike symbolized a new phase of the civil rights movement "The Negroes' fight for economic equality."

. A federal district judge issued an injunction against Monday's planned march, after city offi-cials said they feared it might bring more violence. King's attorneys argued against the move, and U.S. District Court Judge Bailey Brown took the case under advisement Thursday.

King had told a rally Wednesday night that the march would proceed, regardless of injunctions.

The same night, King had told associates that he was not disturbed about reports that he would be in danger while in Memphis.

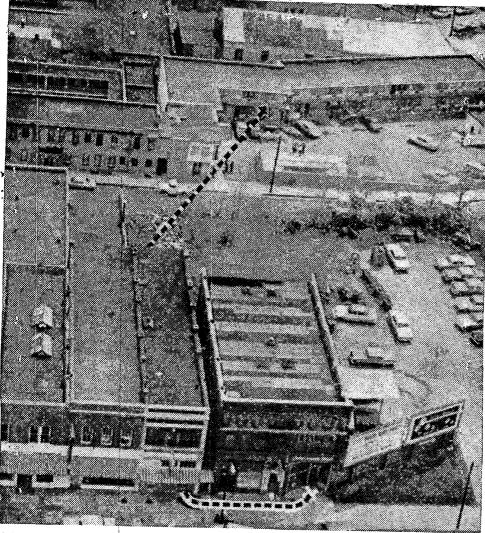
"He said he had reached the pinnacle of fulfillment with his nonviolent movement," the Rev. Andrew Young, a King aide, said. "And these reports did not bother him."

Gov. Buford Ellington announced after the slaying that the state was taking necessary steps to prevent disorder.

"For the second time in recent days, I most earnestly ask the people of Memphis and Shelby County to remain calm. I do so again tohight in the face of this most regrettable incident," the governor said.

"Every possible action being taken to apprehend the person or persons responsible for committing this act," Ellington said.

Massed Law Force Hunts King Slayer



ASSASSINATION SCENE—This is the scene in Memphis, Tenn., where civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King was assassinated Thursday. The broken line, top center, shows the path of the bullet from the window of the building in the foreground to the second floor balcony where Dr. King

was standing. According to Memphis police, the killer then came out of the building, dotted line, foreground, and then dropped his gun in a doorway, at the X. The body of Dr. King was flown from Memphis to Atlanta Friday. (Mobile Press Register AP Wirephoto)

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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"MASSED LAW FORCE
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MEMPHIS, Tenna (AP) - As a tide of Negro bifterness and violence ebbed and flowed in a number of cities, local, state and federal agents strove feverthy assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"I am optimistic that this crime will be solved," said a top Memphis police official. But he added: "We have no one in cus-

tody."

As 330 law enforcement agents sought the slayer, a \$50,000 reward posted by newspapers was boosted to \$150,000 by the Memphis city council.

In Chicago, fires set by arsonists raged through portions of a

16-block area, One man was found dead in a burned-out grucery store. Police killed one man and reported two men killed by snipers. The Illinois National Guard was ordered into Chicago's streets.

Detroit was described by Mayor Jerome P. Cavanagh as generally calm in the grip of the Michigan National Guard. But an 18-year-old Negro youth was shot to death, reportedly by the accidental discharge of a policeman's gun while the youth was being searched as a suspected looter.

'Flames lit up the darkened spring skies of Washington. But a curfew enforced by federal troops returned a semblance of order to Negro districts where rioters earlier had rampaged almost unchecked. But the death toll there stood at five.

These fatalities brought the over-all total in disorders arising out of King's slaying to 11, including a 19-year-old Tallahassee, Fla., youth killed in a reported firebombing.

Crowds of Negroes smashed windows along Broadway, Sixth and Seventh avenues in mid-

town Manhattan, and a few stores reportedly were looted.

Here in Memphis, where the and rederal agents strove fever-widening chain of violence, isfly Friday to snare the steal-police reported relative slaying of King set off the The city was patrolled by the Tennessee National Guard.

Elsewhere, the burgeoning 1968 presidential campaign all but came to a halt. Republican candidate Richard M. Nixon canceled Friday and Saturday appearances in Minnesota. Sen. Eugene McCarthy, D-Minn., called off major weekend appointments in California. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D-N.Y., interupted a campaign schedule that listed speeches in Ohio and Louisiana.

Monday's opening day base-ball games at Washington and Cincinnati were postponed. A third opener at Houston still was scheduled.

Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark spent the day in Memphis before flying back to Washington. At one point he told newsmen: "We have put all available resources of the FBI in this area

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into the case. We have committed everything that could be reasonably committed to solve this crime. It is my hope and expectation that a solution can be affected quickly.

"There have been several names that have come up and those traced to conclusion. But they weren't the true names.'

Clark said the man sought as the killer was white, between 26 and 32 years of age, with dark hair and medium build.

Earlier, the attorney general WEAPON DISCARDED declared: "We've get some sub-stantial leads. We're very hope-lieved to be a newly purchased ful. We've got i some good 30-06 Remington pump rifle, breaks. There is no evidence at discarded two doors away from this time of any conspiracy."

from a harried President Johnson than did the possibility of a

racial crisis.

Johnson canceled a trip to Hawaii, planned as a strategy session preliminary to possible peace contacts with the North Vietnamese.

The President designated Sunday as a day of national mounting for the 39-year-old King, and ordered American flags to half staff at U.S. military bases around the world.

He also scheduled an address Monday night to a joint session: of Congress, to outline new recommendations and suggestions for easing racial tensions.

In the meantime, he urged: "If we are to have the America we mean to have, all men-of all races, all regions, all religions—must stand their ground to deny violence its victory in this sorrowful time ..."

HUGE MANHUNT

A manhunt unmatched in Memphis history spread widely from a cheap rooming house, not far from the murder site.

It was from the rooming house that the sniper was believed to have fired at King Thursday night as the civil rights leader stood on the second floor balcony of his hotel. A single bullet in the neck brought a violent end to a life dedicated to non-violence.

Police Director Frank Hollo man said a single white man was the killer. As Holloman reconstructed his movements, he checked into the rooming house in mid-afternoon Thursday, shot King from the second-floor window of a common bathroom three hours later from a distance of 205 feet, then disappeared in the resulting confusion.

the rooming house.

Even the Vietnam wan President Johnson postponed seemed to claim less attention his departure for Honolulu for Vietnam policy talks and held a hastily called conference in Washington with civil rights leaders. He told them "the dream of Martin Luther King

has not died with him." Not invited to the meeting was Black Power militant

Stokely Carmichael. Negroes took to the streets in many cities shortly after learning of King's murder. But the dawn brought a measure of calm.

In Tallahassee Fla., police said a white youth was burned to death after a firebomb went off 10 blocks from predominantly Negro Florida A.&M. University, where small bands of snipers earlier were reported fir-

ing on police.
One Negro was shot and critically wounded by Memphis po-lice during disorders here. Four thousand National Guardsmen were brought back into the city. had been removed They Wednesday after duty stemming from a March 28 riot during a demonstration led by King.

Two Detroit police officers were shot and wounded in a pre-Negro neighbordominantly hood.

There were lootings, arson and disturbances of various na-tures also in Manhattan's Harlem and Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant areas; two miles from the White House in Washington; in Jackson, Miss., Nashville, Tenn., Newark, N.J., Boston, and a number of smaller cities and towns.

King's body was put on public view here during a brief memo-Hundreds service. Negroes filed past in anguished tribute to a man of ordinary 5feet-8 physical stature, whose image however loomed large many impress enough to throughout the nation, from presidents to field hands.

"Lord have woman wept beside the bronze casket, where King lay in a black suit "Why did this happen to you, Dr. King? What are we

going to do?"

Then a two-mile procession of cars formed behind the hearse that bore King's body to the Memphis Airport, where his widow, Coretta, 41, waited to take it home to Atlanta.

Mrs. King had been provided with a plane by Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, D.N.Y. A spokesman and Kennedy chartered the

King's successor as head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the Rev. Ralph Abernathy, Monday's said scheduled march will go on. So. too, he added, will a poor people's demonstration scheduled for Washington April 27, "after a necessary period of adjustment.

Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb withdrew the city's opposition to the march "in view of the tragic circumstances."

King, a stocky man, with oval face, almond-shaped eyes and a trim mustache, began his rise to international prominence in 1955 when he led a successful Negro boycott to integrate city buses in Montgomery, Ala.

plane at Mrs. King's request after the senator telephoned to ask if there was anything he could do.

Campaigning in Indiana Thursday night, Kennedy broke the news of King's death to a predominantly Negro gathering and told them: "I had a member of my family killed, but he was killed by a white man."

Earlier, Mrs. King had said of her husband's slaying: "I do think it's the will of God. We always knew this could happen."

The Kings had two sons and two daughters, the eldest a girl of 12.

King had returned to Memphis to renew a demonstration in support of striking sanitationmen, most of them Ngroes. The march he led last week turred, into a riot in which a teen-aged Negro was killed. But King had planned to try again for a peaceful demonstration on Monday.

To King violence was abhorrant, but seldom remote. His home was bombed, shot at and crosses were burned outside it. In 1958 he was stabbed in a Harlem department store by a de-mented Negro woman. He helped bury a friend in the civil rights movement, Medgar Evers, who was shot and killed in Mississippi in 1963.

Through it all, King took the attitude toward his struggle for racial reconciliation that he once expressed thus: "It may get me crucified. I may even die. But I want it said even if I die in the struggle that 'He died to make men free.' '

Only the night before he died, King told a cheering audience of 2,000 supporters of threats directed against him here in Memphis. He declared: "Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over, and I've seen the Promised Land.

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STATED GLAMORE RAVED AND WAS VERY INCOHERENT AND WHEN HE CALLED AGAIN COLLECT ON TUESDAY LAST, HE ACCEPTED THE FIRST CALL. BUT AS HE WAS EXTREMELY BELLIGERENT AND RAVED ON THE PHONE IN AN INCOHERENT MANNER HES WIFE HUNG UP ON HIM AND WHEN HE LATER CALLED COLLECT THEY REFUSED TO ACCEPT THE CALL. HORTON ADVISED GLAMORE IS ABOUT FORTHSEVEN YEARS OF AGE, A VETERAN OF WW II, AND IS EXTREMELY MENTALLY ILL, AND HE FELT HE SHOULD BE COMMITTED BUT HOSPITALS KEEP RELEASING HIM AS NOT A VIOLENT TYPE. HE STATED GLAMORE HAS AN OBSESSION THAT THE MAFIA IS AFTER HIM AND ALSO TOLD HIM THAT STAN MUSIAL KILLED KING. HE STATED GLAMORE HAD BENN HOSPITALIZED NUMEROUS TIMES IN THE PAST WITH ONE HOSPITALIZATION IN DOWNEY VA HOSPITAL NEAR CHICAGO, BUT HE DID NOT KNOW WHEN GLAMORE HAD LAST BEEN AN A MENTAL HOSPITAL. HE STATED AS A RESULT OF HIS MENTAL CONDITION HE IS UNABLE TO HOLD A JOB AND HE COULD NOT FURNISH ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING HIS ACTUAL CONDITION AT THE PRESENT TIME.

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RE: | ERIC STARVO GALT

Interview with associates of ERIC STARVO GALT revealed GALT on occasion claimed to be a cook and baker aboard ship.

The following investigation was conducted by SA EDWARD A, HEGSTETTER at Mobile, Alabama:

On April 18, 1968, ART B. WALKER, MDTA Training Co-ordinator, Alabama State Employment Office, advised that the Cook and Baker School run by this agency is the only one in the Mobile area. He stated that this Cook and Baker School was started in 1967 and that the current class in progress is the first class that was held for adults. The prior classes were held for youths between ages of 16 and 21. Mr. WALKER advised that all applicants for the school are interviewed personally by him and he is not familiar with ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLIARD and advised the photograph of GALT is not familiar to him.

On April 18, 1968, Mr. HAROID FISCHER, Dispatcher Seaf arer's International Union, advised this date that the cooks and bakers aboard ship need the necessary documents which include a health certificate, Z Number and Seaman's documents which are issued through the U. S. Coast Guard Office. He advised that this holds true for the National Maritime Union also. Mr. FISCHER stated that foreign ships on occasion hire non-union seamen, however, they would need documents to prove that they are, in fact, seamen. He also stated that the government operates ships under the MSTS Program. He stated here again the seamen hired would not have to be union members but they would need the proper documents which would include Z number, health certificate and seaman's papers before the government would place these men aboard ship.

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Mr. ERNIE BURGESS, U. S. Coast Guard Office, Mobile, Alabama, advised April 18, 1968 that he has been unable to locate any record concerning the issuance of a Z Number or Seaman's Papers to one ERIC STARVO GALT, HARVEY LOWMEYER or JOHN WILLIARD.

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AIRMAIL

TO:

SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987)

FROM:

SAC, MOBILE (157-2627) (P)

SUBJECT:

MURKIN (00: MEMPHIS)

Re Birmingham teletype to Director, 4/17/68,

10:53 a.m.

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of investigative insert re this case in connection with ERIC STARVO GALT possibly being cook and baker aboard ship.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

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DATE:

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FROM:

SA EDWARD A. HEGSTETTER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

On 4/17/68, Lt. Col. JOHN NAUGHTON, SN 03962432, 1200 Peabody Dr., Mobile, Ala., appeared at the Mobile Office to furnish the following information:

NAUGHTON advised he is a professor of military science at Springfield College, and that he lives in the Overlook Rd. section of Mobile. He stated that on the evening of 4/13/68, as well as 4/15 and 4/16 he had occasion to observe an individual who may be identical to ERIC STARVO GALT. He stated that he observed this individual at the Pak-a-Sak Store #8, 1501 Overlook Rd. on the above dates, and that the individual was employed at the store. He advised that on these occasions there were also other employees of the store present. Col. NAUGHTON advised that prior to 4/13/68 he had not observed this individual He stated that the physical description in the store. closely resembles that of GALT, with the exception the individual working at the store had bluish-green eyes and appeared to be in good physical condition and his age appeared to be older than he actually looked.

On 4/17/68, KEITH BARNETT, General Mgr., Pak-a-Sak Stores, advised that the Store #8 had recently undergone a change of personnel and from the best he can determine the individual in question who may have been working at the store on Saturday, 4/13/68, and Monday and Tuesday evenings, 4/15 and 4/16/68, would be MARVIN MC ALLISTER. He stated this individual is a part-time employee, and that he is also employed for the County of Mobile. Mr. BARNETT stated that prior to the 13th, MC ALLISTER had worked on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday on the evening shift at another store.

On 4/18/68, Mrs. CURRY, Mobile County Personnel Dept., stated her records reflect a MARVIN ERIC MC ALLISTED

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being employed as an automotive mechanic for the Road and Bridge Dept. She stated that a check of the payroll records reflected that from the period 3/30 to 4/12/68, MC ALLISTER had received wages, which would indicate he was fully employed for that period. The normal employees' working hours are Monday through Friday, and possibly overtime on Saturdays. On the same date Mr. KOWART, Mobile County Road and Bridge Dept., Shillinger Rd., advised MARVIN ERIC MC ALLISTER is employed as a mechanic in their department, and he has worked steadily for the period 3/30 to present.

On 4/18/68, Lt. Col. JOHN NAUGHTON recontacted this office to advise he had occasion to visit Pak-a-Sak Store this date and advised that the individual he thought to be identical with GALT was not at the store this evening.

On 4/19/68, Mr. MURRAY WATSON, Asst. Mgr., Store #8, advised that on the evenings of 4/12, 13, 14, 15 and 16/68 he was working at the store along with KENNETH BALAR and MC ALLISTER. He advised that MeithernBALAR nor MC ALLISTER were working last night. Mr. WATSON stated that MC ALLISTER resembles the photograph of GALT; however, one of the noticeable characteristics of GALT namely protruding left ear and the nervous habit of pulling on his ear lobe was not evident with MC ALLISTER. WATSON advised that he had occasion to observe MC ALLISTER, and he definitely believes that he is not identical to ERIC STARVO GALT.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

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FROM:

SA EDWARD A. HEGSTETTER

SUBJECT:

MURKIN

(OO: MEMPHIS)

Re: ERIC STARVO GALT

Re ASAC JOHN M. REED's memo to SAC, 4/16/68.

On 4/17/68, Mr. CLAY, Personnel Dept., Alabama Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., advised HIMON WILLARD, 1640 North View Drive, has not been employed at ADDSCO since 6/22/66. He advised that WILLARD's DOB is

On 4/18/68 HIMON WILLARD, 1640 North View Drive, was contacted concerning the identity of JOHN WILLARD, an alias of ERIC STARVO GALT. WILLARD stated that all the family is located within the Mobile area, and he does not recall any male member of his family who would be identical or very closely resemble GALT.

Mr. WILLARD consulted his wife, and they both agreed ERIC STARVO GALT could not be identical to any member of his family.

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INVESTIGATION TO INTERVIEW FORMER ROOMERS 107 14th STREET, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Records reflect that BILLY FAULKNER had rented room 8 at 107 14th St., Atlanta, Georgia, for various periods of January, February, and from March 27, through April 9, 1968. His address was indicated as c/o his father, WILLIAM G. FAULKNER, P. O. Box 15, Midland City, Alabama.

The following investigation was conducted by SA HOWARD R. LINSCOTT on April 16, 1968, at Midland City, Alabama:

WILLIAM G. FAULKNER, Box 35, formerly Box 15, Midland City, Alabama, advised that he last saw his son, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, on the evening of April 2, 1968, when he stopped by the house to pick up some clothes. At that time BILLY JOE FAULKNER told his father that he had moved from Atlanta, Georgia, and had quit his job at Square D Electronics, Inc. FAULKNER stated that his son is an electrician and did live in a room house in Atlanta, Georgia. He further stated that his son usually contacts him every month and that when he determines his son's present whereabouts, he would immediately contact the FBI. FAULKNER further stated that his son has worked in Dallas, Texas; Pensacola, Florida; and has served thirteen years in the United States Air Force.

He described his son, BILLY JOE FAULKNER, as white male, age 40, 6' tall, 170 pounds, brown hair, and blue eyes.

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SUBJECT:

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Re:

INVESTIGATION TO INTERVIEW FORMER ROOMERS 107 14th STREET, APLANTA, GEORGIA.

Reference is made to Atlanta teletype to the Bureau. Memphis. New Haven, and Mobile, 4/16/68, in which leads were set forth to interview BILLY FAULKNER, Midland City, Ala., who had formerly roomed at 107 14th St., Atlanta.

By teletype dated 4/16/63, Mobile advised the Bureau, Memphis, and Atlanta that BILLY JOE FAULENER was not located at Midland City, Ala., and lead was set forth for Atlanta to contact Square D Electronics where FAULENER reportedly was employed.

It is noted that the files of the Mobile Office reflect that NO 177-R, who has furnished reliable information concerning Klan matters, advised on 7/11/65, that Dr. BILLY J. FAULKNER (who may be identical with BILLY JOE FAULKNER), P. O. Box 15, Midland City, Ala., age 37, 5'10", 165 pounds, had formerly been a member of the UKA Klavern at Dotaan, Ala, but had been discharged from the Klavern and was no longer a member and not eligible for reinstatement.

Enclosed for Memphis are 25 copies of an Issert reflecting investigation at Midland City, to locate BILLY PAULKNER. Two copies are furnished to Atlanta, in view of investigation there to locate him. ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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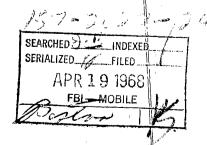
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FOLLOWING TELETYPE RECEIVED FROM CHICAGO APRIL NINETEEN INSTANT:

ON APRIL EIGHTEEN LAST SOL LEVIN, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, REPORTED SEEING INDIVIDUAL RESEMBLING PHOTO OF ERIC GALT AT HALSTED AND THIRTY FIRST STREETS, CHICAGO, DRIVING BLUE CHEVELLE, POSSIBLY NINETEEN SIXTY SEVEN, BEARING ALABAMA LICENSE FOUR TWO - SEVEN EIGHT SIX SIX.

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INQUIRY AT MOTOR VEHICLE BUREAU, MONTGOMERY, ALA.,
DETERMINES ABOVE LICENSE IS A RECENT ISSUE NOT YET RECEIVED IN
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