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To: SAC's, Philadelphia (44-1368)
Memphis (44-1987)

From: Director, FBI (44-38861)

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Re Philadelphia teletype 4/15/68.

Latent prints from Room 34 in Rebel Motor Hotel, Memphis, Tennessee, not identical with fingerprints of Linwood Nash Page, Army service [REDACTED] Inasmuch as two latent palm prints of value were reported on lifts from this room, major case prints of Page needed for comparison.

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Smith's address is: National Hotel
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O'DONALD requested that an Agent get in touch with him for more details.

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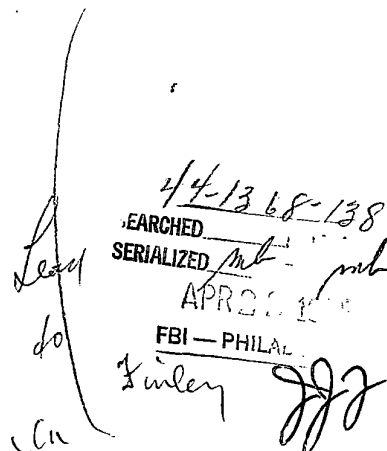
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FROM : SA Albert L. Pierce

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Car in King Probe Traced to Ala. Man

ATLANTA, Ga. (UPI). — The FBI today cloaked in secrecy an impounded white Mustang car resembling one that sped from the scene of the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis, Tenn., last Thursday.

The impounded car, parked on an Atlanta street since the day after Dr. King's murder, was traced through license plates to Eric Starvo Galt, 36, whose address was a South Birmingham, Ala., rooming house. Neighbors said they hadn't seen Galt in three months.

Neither the FBI in Atlanta and Memphis nor the Justice Department in Washington would comment on the Mustang, which was towed to FBI headquarters in Atlanta and shielded from newsmen.

FBI agents did say that no warrant had been issued in the case. But it was learned that the FBI had asked Florida police yesterday to be on the lookout for Galt. The request was canceled by FBI several hours later.

GALT'S Birmingham address was a stucco, two-story rooming house in a neighborhood of old homes, high-rise apartment buildings and modern office structures.

The owner of the rooming house refused to come to the door last night but a roomer, telephone repairman Percy Strickland, said the FBI had been asking about Galt "plenty the last week."

The car, bearing 1968 Alabama license 1-38993 with two 1967 Mexican tourist stickers on its windows, was found on a street in an Atlanta subdivision, Capitol Homes. A resident of the area, Joe Manus, said he had seen the car since last Friday and another resident Mrs. Bridges, reported seeing a well-dressed, dark-haired man near the car during the past few days.

Mrs. Bridges was uncertain whether the man resembled a police artist's sketch of the assassin who shot Dr. King with a 30.06 Remington rifle — reportedly purchased in Birmingham — after checking into a flophouse across from Dr. King's hotel in Memphis. The killer was described as a neatly dressed man with dark hair and "a silly smile."

ONE MEMPHIS witness said he saw a man get into a white Mustang and take off at high speed. Another witness theorized the Mustang was not from Tennessee because it had no front tag and no Memphis inspection sticker. Another white Mustang was reported parked on the same street, an hour later.

Shortly after the King slaying, there were reports on the Memphis police radio of a high-speed chase involving a white Mustang. It later was learned these reports were picked up by a motorist with a citizen's radio band and relayed to the police dispatcher by a patrol car parked next to the motorist.

The motorist later told the Memphis Commercial Appeal he knew the reports of a chase were false after a while because the signals of the car allegedly chasing the Mustang never wavered, indicating he was stationary.

Earlier last night, in New York, U. S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark said regarding the King slaying that "we will report on some developments that should be made public soon."

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p.5—"Daily News"
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Editor: J. Ray Hunt
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FBI Sketch of King Suspect 'Positively' Identified as Eric Galt

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 15 (AP).—The owner of a boarding house said Monday he had identified a drawing of a man sought in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a roomer known as Eric Galt.

"It's him, I'm sure," said Peter Cherpes, 72, who runs a boarding house on Birmingham's South Side. Cherpes consented to talk after the FBI had responded to his request to be released from a secrecy pledge.

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Cherpes said Galt had stayed at his rooming house from Aug. 16 to Oct. 7 last year.

He said that during September Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago. He said it weighed 20 to 25 pounds, was about two feet long and one foot wide. The next day, Cherpes said, Galt had told him it was the wrong merchandise and he planned to send it back.

Cherpes said FBI agents had shown him drawings last Wednesday, or two days before a car registered in the name of Eric Starvo Galt had been found abandoned in Atlanta.

The car, a white Mustang with an Alabama license tag, matched the description of a car seen leaving the assassination scene in Memphis, Tenn., where Dr. King was shot April 4.

SEARCH WIDENED

Cherpes was shown a newspaper artist's drawing of the assassin Monday and he said it was like the drawings exhibited by Federal agents. Cherpes said the sketches "looked exactly like Galt."

The man known as Eric Starvo Galt has become the object of a widening search by FBI agents, who have been interviewing persons with the same name or similar names from Virginia to Florida and sifting through dozens of stores and businesses in Birmingham for clues to the missing man.

The FBI issued an alert, called a "locate and notify" dispatch, in Florida for Galt last Friday at about the time the white Mustang was being impounded in Atlanta. The alert was withdrawn four hours later with the explanation that it had been erroneous.

Since then, the FBI has declined to say anything about Galt. There was no warrant for Galt, the FBI said last Friday.

Galt rented a room from him, Cherpes said, last fall, at about the time the hunted man had obtained an Alabama driver's license.

He also purchased with cash a white Mustang from a Birmingham car-salesman. He listed his occupation as merchant seaman, unemployed.

Cherpes said that when Galt registered he had noted on the registration card that he last had worked at the Ingalls Shipbuilding Corp. at Pascagoula, Miss.

Meanwhile, in Jacksonville, Fla., a man picked up for questioning about the assassination was cleared, police said.

Agents have exhibited composite drawings of a man's face, but no photographs, according to persons interviewed in Birmingham.

Police sources in Memphis disclosed Sunday that the FBI was withholding Nation-wide distribution of a composite drawing of Dr. King's killer, who fired the death shot from a dingy second-floor bathroom in a rundown rooming house. "They haven't given us anything but a physical description. They aren't handing out pictures of the man," said a police official who asked that his name be withheld.

"They either don't have a good one, or they're going it alone."

There has been no indication from any source in touch with FBI agents that the FBI has a photograph.

The assassin's description given by the FBI: 30 to 32 years of age, 5-10, weighing 165, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

Newsman's requests for prints of the FBI's drawing were turned down.

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

p.4—"The Philadelphia Inquirer" Philadelphia, Pa.

Date: 4/16/68

Edition: final

Author:

Editor: Walter H. Annenberg

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King Slayer Hunt Kept Secret Under Orders From the Top

By JOHN G. WARNER

Memphis, Tenn. — (UPI) —

In the dingy flophouse, the bathroom window is still jammed open and across the street the wreaths are wilting on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel. In the gutter, spoiled Polaroid pictures flutter and tourists trample over a placard which says, "I am a man."

They can see it all, the place where the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated. Within hours after King fell, the Federal Bureau of Investigation launched a secret hunt for a shadowy man named Eric Starvo Galt. Those few police departments asked to look for him were asked only to locate him, not arrest him. No warrant was issued.

Officially, the FBI will not even concede that it wants a man named Eric Starvo Galt. The name became known only after the FBI issued—and later hastily withdrew—a "locate and notify" order.

Identity in Doubt
There is some suspicion that Galt may be a phony name—a false identity built up over a long period of time. Authorities revealed the discovery of Galt's white Mustang on Thursday, in Atlanta, where it had been abandoned the morning of April 5, one day after the killing, but not reported by residents of the area for almost a week.

The slaying of the civil rights leader and advocate of nonviolence is a hodgepodge of mysteries—of mysterious men in white hoods, of mysterious radio messages, of mysterious cars and total secrecy. On Friday, the day after the killing, and on Sunday and Monday on television programs, Attorney General Ramsey Clark talked optimistically about finding a lone assassin soon. He said there were no signs of any conspiracy by more than one

person.

He now avoids reporters.

Sources which normally provided newsmen with guidance in criminal investigations say they have never seen such secrecy. The secrecy in this case, sources indicate, comes from beyond the FBI, beyond the Justice Department — from the White House.

The Federal Government apparently did not want Galt to know he was hot. Did it, perhaps, hope he might lead agents to someone else?

Driver's Story

In the office of R. S. Lewis and Sons, a funeral home in Memphis, Solomon Jones told of King's last day. He was driving a company car for Dr. King on Thursday, April 4. The car had been lent to the civil rights leader for his stay in Memphis.

Jones said he was standing on the pavement beside the car, the engine running, and King was turning to move down the balcony to a stairway and be driven to a friend's house for dinner.

"I heard the shot and felt it pass above me," Jones said. "I ran to the street and looked across, and I saw a man jump up from behind the bushes and run back toward Main st. He had something white on his head, like a hood."

Shot From Bath

According to Memphis Police Director Frank Holloman, a smooth, gray-haired man from Mississippi with a 25-year FBI ring on his finger, the assassin stood in the bathroom of a nameless flophouse to make his shot across Mulberry st. at King on the motel balcony.

He had rented a room, locked himself in the bathroom and fired out the window, which was at the back of the building. Then he fled downstairs and out onto Main st., one block over from the motel.

If he went out the front way, was it Galt whom Jones says he saw?

A man dodged into the doorway of Canipe Amusements Co., one door up the street, and dumped his rifle and a small case containing binoculars in the doorway. Then he leaped into a white Mustang and roared away.

That is how police say it happened, and it is constructed from testimony of witnesses and presumably, from evidence.

Another Story

But Sidney Walker also claims to have seen something strange. Walker, a tall, wizened Negro, said he was in Jim's Grill, below the flophouse, having coffee when he heard the shot.

Walker said he sprinted out the door, around the corner, down Huling st. and into Mulberry st. by the motel. He saw King's aides gathering around him on the balcony and, he said, he saw a man running down the street, away from him, with a white hood on his head. The police had not yet arrived, he said.

According to Holloman, 150 officers converged on the scene in a matter of seconds.

Other Reports

Chauncey Eskridge, King's lawyer, was standing on the parking lot with Jones when the shot rang out. He, too, ran to the street. He said he saw no one with hoods, but claimed that a group of policemen leaped out of the bushes—the same bushes from which Jones said he saw a hooded man run.

Eskridge also said, shortly after the killing, that he saw a beige Cadillac driving down Mulberry st. Asked about this later, he said the FBI had asked him not to talk about it.

All these witnesses were admittedly in a high state of agitation.

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p.28—"The Evening Bulletin"
Philadelphia, Pa.

Date: 4/14/68

Edition: Sunday

Author: John G. Warner

Editor: Wm. B. Dickinson

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Boarding House

The white stucco house with a red tile roof at 2608 Highland av., Birmingham, has a red and white neon sign insistently announcing:

"Economy Sleeping Rooms, By the Day or Week, Air-Conditioned Dining Room."

Room and board costs \$27 a week. Most of the guests stay only two or three weeks. Galt used to live there.

Peter Cherpes, who runs the place, says he talked to the FBI and won't talk to anyone else. Only one of the roomers acknowledged being there long enough to remember Galt. He is Percy Strickland, who says he doesn't recall much.

He said he figured Galt had lived there no more than six months and doesn't recall seeing him since November.

License Mailed

Local authorities, not committed by the FBI to secrecy say Galt applied for a driver's license Sept. 6, 1967. No. 2898947 was mailed to him Sept. 29. He asked for a duplicate which was mailed to him March 1, 1968, to the rooming house. He gave no reason for wanting the duplicate.

When he requested the license, he said he was an unemployed merchant seaman.

He bought the Mustang from William D. Paisley of Birmingham on Aug. 30, 1967. Paisley said the FBI told him not to talk to reporters.

Although Galt appears to have been missing since November, it was in Birmingham four days before King died, that a sporting goods store sold the gun that killed him.

Flophouse Layout

The 400 block of S. Main st. in Memphis is not an appealing avenue. On the east side, there is a big cafe fixtures store, with coffee machines and hot dog cookers in its windows; Jim's Grill, a rundown but clean cafe with a jukebox belting out blues, and white and Negro help and white and Negro patrons.

Next to this are two flights of stairs leading up to Mrs. Bessie Brewer's flophouse. One is an entrance and the other is an exit.

Behind the two buildings that comprise the flophouse—a guest goes from one to the other through a battered passageway—there is a vacant lot, overgrown with vines and mimosa trees.

It is a drop of about nine feet from this back lot to the sidewalk of Mulberry st. The embankment is held up by a cement wall. Across the street is the Lorraine Motel—a modern wing attached to the rear of the Lorraine Hotel, an old building.

New Roomer

At 3.15 P. M. on April 4, a dark-haired man with a sharp nose and a neat, dark suit walked up the yellow-walled entrance stairs to Mrs. Brewer's place. He asked for a room. She showed him No. 8, which had a kitchenette. It cost \$10 a week. But he said:

"I only want a sleeping room."

She took him into the other building, where Rooms 4, 5 and 6 are located. She showed him Room 5 and he said, "This will be fine."

He paid his \$8.50 rent with a \$20 bill and two quarters and signed "John Willard" on the register. Mrs. Brewer says he "had a silly smile."

She didn't remark about his clothing nor about the fact that he carried nothing with him.

Binoculars Bought

Sometime during the next couple of hours, he went out again, six blocks away, to York's Arms, and bought a pair of binoculars. The FBI later told York's Arms to say nothing.

Then, perhaps, he picked up the rest of his gear from his white Mustang, parked on Main st., a little way from the flophouse stairs.

The rest of his gear consisted of a Remington 30.06 pump action rifle with a telescopic

There were reports that he had a bite to eat in Jim's Grill.

He sat in his room for awhile. He left a depression on the mattress. Then he went into the bathroom and locked it. He was in there for half an hour. Willie Anchutz, who lived in No. 6, wanted to get in but says he got no answer when he knocked on the door.

Window Open

The bathroom's yellow walls are turning brown and the fixtures are stained with several colors, all dingy.

The pull cord on the light-bulb overhead brushes a tall man's head as he enters and an old, free-standing bathtub almost butts the wall under the window.

The window is jammed open. It hasn't been closed all winter. In order to get the rifle trained on Room 306 at the motel, he probably stood in the bathtub, or on it, while Anchutz was hammering impatiently on the door.

After Anchutz went away, King emerged on the balcony across the street. He was 200 feet away, 30 degrees to the right, 5 degrees down. With a high-powered rifle, a clear, relatively calm day, a telescopic sight—an easy target.

King went in and out of his room three times before the shot shook Mrs. Brewer's place like a clap of thunder and Anchutz ran to his door.

Man Hurrying

He said he saw a man hurrying down the hall, a long paper-wrapped object and a blue bag in his hand, and one arm thrown up by his face.

"That sounded like a shot," Anchutz observed.

"Yes, it was," confirmed the killer, without looking around or stopping.

He next appeared in front of Guy Canipe's amusement company—"Records 25 cents."

He ducked into the recessed doorway of Canipe's place and what Canipe did thereafter depended upon when you talked to him.

The day after the killing,

Campe said he saw the man drop a rifle and a blue bag—"like a typewriter case"—in the doorway.

"I didn't go out. If you had seen a man drop a rifle in your doorway, what would you have done?"

Canipe said he got busy in the back of his store.

A week after the shooting, Canipe sat with his brown hat on behind a desk and, carefully spitting into a wastebasket, told how he had gone to the front of the store to see the man race off in a white Mustang.

Canipe said he was reluctant to say much because he feared he might get shot himself.

Two Mustangs

There apparently were two white Mustangs parked on the 400 block of S. Main the evening of April 4. One roared away a few seconds after King was shot and the other, said the boys in Jim's Grill, got away 15 minutes later.

Police Director Holloman says he had about 40 policemen in the area of the Lorraine because he was worried about King staying in a rough neighborhood. Last time King was in Memphis he had stayed at the fashionable Holiday Inn Rivermont.

Pursuit Reported

Half an hour after the shooting, from a point ten miles across the city, a police car began relaying reports of a hot pursuit.

Actually, the police car was parked next to the car of a college student, who had a citizens' band radio in his car. Over this radio, he was picking up reports from what identified itself as a blue Pontiac, also with CB equipment.

The broadcaster in the blue Pontiac said he was chasing a white Mustang. He kept pouring on the details. The police car radioed them to headquarters. Speeds were rising, 75 miles an hour, now 100 miles an hour.

Standing Still

Three police cars were sent to take up the chase, running north of Memphis. The blue Pontiac reported the white Mustang, with three white men in it, had opened fire.

Then the youth receiving the calls noticed that the signal strength meter on his receiver was not fading. It was not even fluctuating. The blue Pontiac was not going 100 miles an hour. It wasn't even moving.

Was this, perhaps, an effort to draw police off to the north, opening escape routes to the south?

Man in Atlanta

It is a leisurely eight to ten-hour drive from Memphis to Atlanta.

Sometime between 7 and 9 A. M. Friday, a white Mustang drove up to a small parking lot between two apartment buildings at Capitol Homes, a low-rent, integrated housing project within sight of Georgia's Capitol.

Mrs. Ernest Payne was looking out her window. She said she remembered the man who got out of the car because she likes people to be neat.

"I thought he worked at the Capitol, or was an insurance plan, he was dressed so neat."

She said he was dark-haired, dressed in dark clothes, with a pointed nose. He fit, roughly, the description of Galt.

Car Was His

There was no doubt about the car, when the people at Capitol Homes finally got worried about it on Thursday, six days later, and it was reported to police. It was Galt's.

The FBI refuses comment on the investigation. Holloman also will no longer comment.

Meanwhile, rumors, both plausible and extravagant, sweep Memphis concerning organizations and persons.

The search for Galt has spread from Tennessee to Mis-

issippi, to Alabama, to Georgia, to Florida.

The bullet was recovered from Dr. King's body, but the indications are that it was too severely broken up for ballistics tests.

A fingerprint, or a palmprint, or both, were found—either in the bathroom or on the rifle. But nothing is said about them.

The manhunt continues, massive, secret, for one man, perhaps for several men. Life in the South goes on. Many still mourn, a few still weep, and others never cared.

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Landlord Ties 'Galt' to Sketch in King Killing

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (UPI)—An artist's conception of the man wanted in the sniper slaying of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., "looked exactly like" Eric Starvo Galt, the elusive central figure in a Nation-wide manhunt, according to Galt's landlord.

Federal agents, still refusing comment on the investigation, appeared no closer to locating Dr. King's assassin yesterday.

As agents continued to follow cold trails, it seemed more likely that Galt may have been an elaborately devised alias and

that such a person existed only in a Birmingham rooming house and in certain Alabama State records.

GALT CANNOT be traced before he took a room in Birmingham last August or after his abandoned car was impounded by the FBI in Atlanta last week.

Galt, claiming to have come to Alabama from Louisiana, bought his white Mustang in Birmingham and applied for and was granted a State driver's license.

Little else is known of the figure, described as having a

southern drawl and a pointed nose—the same general description as Dr. King's assassin. There is no warrant for Galt.

GALT'S ABANDONED car, found in an Atlanta housing project, fits the description of one seen leaving a Memphis flophouse from where the fatal shot was fired at Dr. King April 4.

Rooming house manager Peter Nicholas Cherpes talked with newsmen yesterday. He earlier denied he knew Galt.

Cherpes, who said the FBI asked him not to say anything about Galt, said, "I know his name. He came here, that man, Aug. 26, 1967, and left Oct. 7."

Cherpes described Galt as a "natty" dresser who always paid his room rent on time, and wasn't known to drink.

"HE DIDN'T say much about his family affairs, only that he was divorced. He only talked about the weather, never about politics or racial problems."

Cherpes said he agreed shortly after Galt had moved into the boarding house to go with him downtown to take a driver's test.

Cherpes said in September Galt received a prepaid package in the mail from Chicago. The package weighed about 25 pounds and was about 2 feet long and a foot wide, Cherpes said.

The following day, Galt told the landlord he had received the wrong package and was returning it. "About a half hour later I saw him carrying the box to his car."

IN OCTOBER, Galt paid Cherpes a week's rent in advance, then left, saying he was going to Mobile, Ala., to seek a job. Galt told Cherpes he would not return, but was expecting a letter from Chicago and wanted him to hold it.

Cherpes said he never saw Galt again.

But the letter from Chicago arrived in February or March, Cherpes said. He held the letter about a week then returned it to Chicago.

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Manhunt Pressed For King's Slayer

ATLANTA (UPI).—A mysterious, elusive stranger with the name—or alias—Eric Starvo Galt, remains today the object of one of the most intensive and secretive man-hunts in FBI history.

No warrant has been issued for the arrest of Galt, an unemployed merchant mariner. The FBI has thus far issued only a "no comment" to all questions about his connection with the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., last week in Memphis.

That Galt's name figured in the investigation became known exactly one week after King's murder. A car answering the description of the one seen leaving the assassination scene was found Thursday in an Atlanta housing development.

THE MUSTANG, bearing Alabama license plates, was registered to Galt at a Birmingham, Ala. residence. The vehicle, according to residents who saw the car abandoned the day after King was slain, was in the housing development a week before the FBI had it fingerprinted and impounded.

While no arrest warrant has been issued, the FBI in Miami

issued Thursday, then inexplicably rescinded, a "locate and notify" order for Galt.

U. S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said in the hours after King's death that the Justice Department had a suspect "on the run." He declined to identify the person.

United Press International followed a trail left several days ago by the FBI in an effort to backtrack on the elusive Galt.

Reporters checking where Galt lived, established he had stayed for a time at a rooming house in Birmingham. Residents said they remembered the man, but had not seen him since November.

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2 Cab Drivers Identify Sketch In King Slaying

ATLANTA, April 16 (UPI).—An Atlanta taxicab driver on Tuesday identified for the FBI a sketch of Eric Starvo Galt and said the mystery figure in the search for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., had ridden in his cab the day after the slaying.

A second cab driver working for the same company said he, too, gave the man a ride the Friday after Dr. King was shot by a sniper in Memphis, Tenn., April 4.

IN "HIPPIE" AREA

Both drivers said the trips were in Atlanta's "hippie" neighborhood around Peachtree and 14th sts. The area is about seven miles from the public housing project where a white Ford Mustang, registered to Galt, was located by FBI agents last Thursday.

Both taxi drivers work for the Atlanta Million Cooperative Cab Co. Their names were withheld at the request of the taxicab firm.

The FBI has pored through the records of Atlanta Millian Cab and other taxicab firms in the city in an attempt to trace Galt from the time he apparently abandoned the Mustang found in the Capitol Homes housing project.

IDENTIFY SKETCH

Apparently working on a new lead, however, FBI agents returned to the offices of Atlanta Million cabs Tuesday and asked specifically if any drivers had made pickups in the "hippie" neighborhood on the Friday after Dr. King was slain.

Two drivers who had made such pickups were questioned by an agent who showed them a sketch of the man the FBI apparently thinks is Galt.

Both drivers identified the man in the sketch as the one they picked up.

The first driver told the FBI he picked up the man at the intersection of Peachtree and 14th sts. He drove his fare only two block, a fact that made him remember the trip, and then the man demanded to be let out immediately.

WALKED QUICKLY

The driver said he had gone two blocks south on Peachtree to 12th st., and there the man got out, paid his fare and walked quickly down 12th st. toward the west.

The second taxicab driver told the FBI he recognized the man in the sketch as the same man who rode in his cab to the address of a modern two-story apartment building.

The second driver did not recall if the man entered the apartments or walked off in another direction. The location is at 13th st. and Crescent ave., one block west of the 14th and Peachtree sts. intersection where the first driver said he picked up the same man.

TIME UNKNOWN

Ed Collins, president and general manager of the taxicab firm, said it was not immediately determined exactly what time Friday the pickups were made. He said they probably were made during the evening.

Collins said the FBI would not tell him or the drivers what the new leads in the investigation might mean. He said the FBI told him it was making similar checks with other Atlanta taxicab firms looking for similar information.

In Birmingham, where Galt once lived, Jefferson county sheriff Mel Bailey said he thinks the assassin may have originally planned to kill Dr. King in the Alabama steel city.

'BASED ON EVIDENCE'

Bailey, who threw a tight security net around Dr. King when he was in the city last October to serve five days in jail, said he thinks a conspiracy existed to murder the civil rights leader.

The sheriff said his theory is only conjecture, but that "it is based on the evidence uncovered so far in the case."

Bailey noted that Galt, who has been identified by fellow boarders in a rooming house in Birmingham as being the same man shown in FBI sketches of the suspected assassin, lived in the city when Dr. King was serving his jail term.

"He could have laid-in-wait with that sniper rifle on many occasions, waiting for a shot at King," the sheriff said.

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Plot Theory Revived By Conflicting Clues In Slaying of Dr. King

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 13 (AP).—Investigators appeared to be re-examining the possibility Saturday that more than one person was involved in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

They seemed puzzled about conflicting reports on the number of getaway cars involved and about police radio transmissions detailing a high-speed chase—which apparently never took place—through northeast Memphis 30 minutes after a sniper killed Dr. King with a single rifle shot.

EVERY LEAD PURSUED

The FBI, conducting the most massive manhunt in its history, maintained silence. But attorney General Ramsey Clark issued a new statement that dropped his earlier reference to "one man for the run."

"Sixteen hours after Dr. King was slain April 4, Clark said evidence "indicates a single individual" was involved. "There

is no evidence of a widespread plot," he said.

In a seven-line statement in Washington Friday night, Clark said the FBI was devoting all its resources to the investigation, "working around the clock pursuing every lead." He said it was impossible to predict when an arrest would be made.

Another Justice Department spokesman noted it took 12 days to make arrests in the May, 1963, slaying of civil rights leader Medger Evers, and more than five months in the 1964 slayings of three civil rights workers in Mississippi.

WORK CRITICIZED

One member of Congress has criticized the FBI's probe.

Noting what he called discrepancies throughout the investigation, Rep. Charles W. Whelan, Jr. (R., O.) said the FBI should "set the record straight."

"The handling of the investigation and the efforts to apprehend the guilty person of persons hardly had been reassuring to a tense and troubled Nation," Whelan said in Washington.

In the 10 days since King's slaying, the lights have burned all night, night after night, in the corner suite on the eighth floor of Memphis' new concrete-and-glass Federal Building.

2 AUTOS SEEN

There, in offices overlooking the Mississippi River, dozens of FBI agents have methodically sifted what is described as "very substantial" physical evidence.

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"I was not involved in any chase," the lieutenant said afterwards. A college student with a citizens hand radio in his car later said he was relaying details of the chase to the lieutenant. He said the voice he was monitoring identified himself as the occupant of the blue car chasing the Mustang.

HOAX DETERMINATION

The student said the transmission he received never faded, indicating the calls came from a stationary transmitter. By week's end, police appeared to have concluded that the chase for whatever reason it was reported, was a hoax.

Early Friday morning, 18 hours after the shooting, an Atlanta housewife looked out of the window of her apartment in the Capitol Homes project—383 miles southeast—and saw a "nice looking man" step out of a 1966 white Mustang.

CAR IMPOUNDED

Six days later—on Thursday afternoon—Federal agents swooped down on the abandoned Mustang.

Between 5:15 and 5:30 P. M. the car was towed to the Federal building.

At 5:22 P. M., the Florida police teletypewriter ticked out a "locate and notify" message. It was an FBI alert for Eric Starvo Galt, 36. The bulletin said Galt was driving a 1966 white Mustang hardtop with Alabama tag-number 1-38993.

Four hours later, the message was withdrawn with the explanation it was "erroneous."

During the assassination, two white Mustangs, both 1966 models, were parked near the scene. Fifteen minutes later, both were gone.

At 6:25 P. M., a police dispatcher began relaying calls about a chase in northeast Memphis—eight miles away—including a white Mustang and a blue Pontiac.

A white male driving the Mustang, the police radio crackled, was "responsible for this shooting."

RADIO CONFUSION

Eight calls, supposedly from a police lieutenant, were relayed by the dispatcher during the next 22 minutes. At one point, the dispatcher reported, the driver of the Mustang was firing on the pursuing Pontiac.



AP Wirephoto
Robert Jensen, special agent in charge of the
FBI office in Memphis, Tenn., who is in charge of
the Memphis phase of the investigation into the
assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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FBI Presses Manhunt in King's Murder

But Won't Release Composite Sketch Of Suspected Killer

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—FBI agents from Virginia to Florida were making an intensive hunt today for the mystery man whose abandoned car fits descriptions of a car seen leaving the scene of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The object of the widening search was Eric Starvo Galt, known only as an unemployed seaman from Birmingham, Ala. A white Mustang registered in that name was discovered by the FBI in Atlanta last Thursday, a week after Dr. King was shot to death in Memphis.

The FBI refused to acknowledge the hunt or to say why Galt was wanted. "No comment," was the routine reply. But Associated Press checks disclosed that FBI agents had contacted persons named Galt in several states including Virginia, Alabama and Florida.

Alert Withdrawn

An FBI alert for Galt was sent over the Florida police communications network last Thursday, but withdrawn four hours later.

FBI agents have continued to inquire about Galt at numerous places including dry cleaners and service stations in Birmingham, where a man named Eric Starvo Galt rented a room at a Southside boarding house within the past eight months.

Agents have exhibited composite drawings of a man's face, but no photographs, according to persons contacted in Birmingham.

At the same time, police sources in Memphis disclosed yesterday that the FBI was withholding nationwide distribution of a composite drawing of King's killer.

Description Only

"They haven't given us anything but a physical description. They aren't handing out pictures of the man," said a police official who asked that his name be withheld.

"They either don't have a good one, or they're going it alone." There has been no indication from any source contacted by FBI agents that the FBI has a photograph.

The assassin's description given by the FBI: 30 to 32 years of age, 5-10; weighing 165, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

News men's requests for prints of the FBI's drawing were turned down.

Man Questioned

Meanwhile, a man questioned in Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday night about the slaying has been cleared, police said yesterday. Clyde Courtney, 33, of Louisville, Ky., was questioned by local and federal officers who said he resembled the sketch of the man wanted.

The name of the missing Eric Starvo Galt fails to appear on any official records except those showing ownership of the white Mustang found in Atlanta. The car was sold to Galt last Aug. 30 in Birmingham, records show. Sources said he paid \$2,000 cash. His application for a driver's license last Sept. 6 gave his birthdate as July, 1931, and his description as 5-11, 175 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair.

Little else has been uncovered. Although he listed himself as an unemployed seaman, the Maritime Union had no record of an Eric Starvo Galt. Nor was there a recipient by that name in the files of the state unemployment compensation office in Birmingham.

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FBI Withholds Sketch of King Suspect

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 14 (AP).—The FBI is withholding nation-wide distribution of a composite drawing of the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., police sources said Sunday.

"They haven't given us anything but a physical description," said one police official. "They aren't handing out pictures of the man. They either don't have a good one, or they're going it alone."

'A LONG SHOT'

The official asked that his name not be used, citing the FBI's ban on comment about the investigation.

When Jacksonville, Fla., police questioned a Louisville, Ky., man Saturday night about the King slaying—the man since has been cleared of any connection—Police Lt. M. P. Richardson said, "It's a long shot, but he looks too much like the sketch of the man who is wanted in the King slaying."

Jacksonville police said Sunday the man was arrested after a resident noted a likeness to a composite picture that appeared in Florida newspapers. This sketch was prepared by a newspaper artist from the description given of the slaying suspect. It was not released—nor indorsed—by the FBI.

Residents of the Memphis rooming house from which Dr. King was shot April 4 reported last week that investigators had shown them composite drawings. But they said the sketches were the same—or at least very similar—as those prepared by newspaper artists.

FBI officials rejected requests for a composite drawing of the man they are seeking in what perhaps is the most massive manhunt of modern times. They refuse to say whether they

have prepared such a sketch.

Agents have a good physical description of the King assassin: 30 to 32 years old, 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing 165 pounds, with a receding hairline and a long, thin nose.

DESCRIPTION OF CAR

They also have a good description of the white 1966 Mustang that witnesses said sped away from the Memphis rooming house minutes after King was shot as he stood on a motel balcony 205 feet from the rear of the rooming house.

A white Mustang was impounded Thursday night from an Atlanta parking lot where it had been parked since the morning after King's slaying.

The impounded car bore license tags issued in Birmingham, Ala., to Eric Starvo Galt, 37, who identified himself as an unemployed merchant seaman when he applied for an Alabama driving license last year.

At almost the same moment last week that they were impounding the car in Atlanta, the FBI sent over the Florida teletypewriter circuit a request to locate Galt. The message was withdrawn four hours later with the explanation that it was erroneous. The FBI refuses to say why it was seeking Galt.

WORK TO GO ON

In Atlanta, Ga., the widow of Dr. King told an Easter congregation at Ebenezer Baptist Church that continuing her husband's unfinished work would be the greatest tribute to him.

Mrs. King, wearing a black dress and hat, took the pulpit briefly after Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., had finished a joyful sermon on "The Resurrection."

"I know that all of you today feel with me the full meaning of Easter," Mrs. King told the more than 1000 persons jammed into the humble red brick church where funeral services for her husband were held only five days ago.

"You came here to find comfort in the Crucifixion, in the Resurrection and in redemption," she said. "And this redemptive feeling will continue in the world—and this is the thing most needed in the world today. In my heart, I feel it is God's will for his work to go on."

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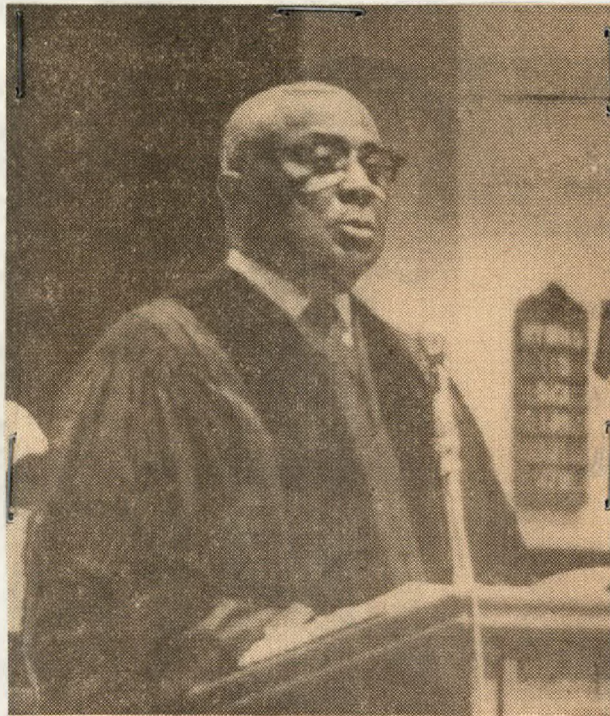
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From the pulpit he once shared with his son, Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr., leads Easter services at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Atlanta. The minister is the father of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who served as co-pastor of the church until his assassination in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4.

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Specimens received 4/10/68, from FBI, Las Vegas

K8 Three tape strips of marking tape utilized by the Monarch Laundry, 1430 South Main, Las Vegas, Nevada, two of which bear the code O2B-6, and one bearing the code MOX72.

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Philadelphia

K9 Piece of white cloth containing six samples of thermo-seal marking tape obtained from Thermo-Seal Identification Machine, Model H5L1, Serial Number 32052, operated by Barclay Laundry, 1478 Broadway, Camden, N.J.

Specimen received 4/11/68, from FBI, Los Angeles

K10 Piece of paper and a cloth square each containing twelve samples of laundry marking printed by a thermo-seal marking machine manufactured by the Textile Marking Company, Syracuse, New York, and obtained from Home Service Laundry and Dry Cleaning, 5280 Hollywood Boulevard, Los Angeles, California

Result of examination:

The three pink tape strips in K8 and K9 are similar to the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes in color, construction and composition.

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The K8 and K9 tapes were found to differ in printing from the tapes appearing on Q69 and Q70.

The tapes comprising K10 are of varying lengths; however, no significant differences were noted between the Q69 and Q70 laundry tapes when compared with some of the K10 tapes indicating they may have originated from the same machine.

Specimens K8, K9 and K10 are retained.

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