

A CONSPIRACY

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ed from a rooming house
he Lorraine Motel just af-
King was shot. The man
ken a room in the house,
e fatal shot is believed to
been fired from a bath-
window there.

ere was no explanation of
owmyer alias.
e Mustang found in At-
sembled one seen speed-
away from the assassination

ources close to investigators
emphis said that the Mem-
police had almost run Galt
n as they went to the mur-
scene.

he Federal warrant was is-
d in Birmingham, Ala.,
ere Mr. Hoover said that a
06-caliber rifle equipped
h a telescopic sight had been
nd near a rooming house on
th Main Street in Memphis
mediately after the shooting.
said an F. B. I. agent had
etermined that that rifle and
telescopic sight was bought
om a gun dealer in Birming-
am on March 30.

Suspect Described

The announcement did not
rectly link Galt to the rifle
and in Memphis or say that
e .30'06 was the weapon that
killed Dr. King.

Galt was described as 5 feet
to 5 feet 11 inches tall,
weighing between 160 and 175
pounds and having "brush-cut"
brown hair and blue eyes.

"He is said to be a neat
dresser and has a medium
build," the F.B.I. said.

Those who have met him
describe him as a loner and
say his "language and diction
have a 'rural' quality and
suggest that he probably does
not have a high degree of
education," the agency said.

Galt was said to like vodka,
beer and Western and country
music and to have a nervous
habit of occasionally pulling at
an ear lobe, the F.B.I. added.
"His left ear protrudes far-
ther from his head than his
right ear," it said.

The F.B.I. released two photo-
graphs of Galt, one with
his eyes closed and another
containing a notation on the
back: "Eyes drawn in by F.B.I.
artist."

The man, whom the agency
said Galt had alleged was his
brother was not further iden-
tified in the announcement
here.

Galt traveled extensively in
this country and went to Mexi-
co after he bought the white
Mustang from a private citizen
in Birmingham last Aug. 30,
Mr. Hoover said. The car's
odometer showed the Mustang
had been driven more than

The suspect left Los Angeles
last Dec. 15, drove to M^o Or-
leans and "claimed he tac-
ted either an engineering firm
or a contracting firm," accord-
ing to the agency.

He left New Orleans four
days later and arrived in Los
Angeles on Dec. 21. The agency
said.

There was no indication why
he had been in touch with the
company.

Took Bartending Course

While he was in Los Angeles,
Galt "took a course at a school
of bartending and was gradu-
ated on March 2, 1968," the
agency said.

The announcement did not
attempt to trace Galt's where-
abouts day by day or even
week by week. But it placed
him in New Orleans in 1964
and 1965, in Birmingham last
September and October and in
Long Beach, Calif., from last
December until last February
by saying he took dancing
lessons in those places at those
times.

"He is said to be an avid
dancer," the announcement
said.

It also said intensive investi-
gation by the F.B.I. had dis-
closed that Galt "has claimed
to have been employed as a
cook on Mississippi River ves-
sels and as a merchant sea-
man."

Galt should be considered
"armed and dangerous" and
any information about him
should be furnished immedi-
ately to the nearest F.B.I. of-
fice, the announcement added.

The F.B.I. refused to say
where it got Galt's photograph.
The pictures show him in a
dark suit and a neat, dark bow
tie; he might have been wear-
ing a tuxedo at the time. One
picture appeared to have been
cut out and placed on a dif-
ferent background, as though
it might have been taken from
a group picture, such as one
taken at a nightclub.

Sketch Shown Previously

The photographs were the
first to be connected with the
case, although F.B.I. agents
have been showing a full-face
sketch of a suspect to hun-
dreds of persons all through
the South.

There was nothing in today's
statements to indicate what
role the F.B.I. thought the al-

der on April 11, when an F.B.I.
bulletin was released in Florida,
apparently by mistake, and
later withdrawn. The bulletin
asked that Galt be located for
questioning.

On April 12 the Mustang was
found in Atlanta. It apparently
had been parked there since
about 12 hours after the mur-
der. It was impounded after
residents of the housing devel-
opment where it was found
noted that it matched the
description of the car wanted
in the murder.

The section of the United
States Code under which Galt
is accused states:

"If two or more persons con-
spire to injure, oppress, threat-
en, or intimidate any citizen,
in the free exercise or enjoy-
ment of any right or privilege
secured to him by the Constitu-
tion or laws of the United
States, or because of his hav-
ing so exercised the same; or

"If two or more persons go
in disguise on the highway, or
on the premises of another,
with intent to prevent or hinder
his free exercise or enjoyment
of any right or privilege so
secured—

"They shall be fined not
more than \$5,000 or imprisoned
not more than 10 years, or
both."

Memphis Hopes to Try Galt

MEMPHIS, April 17 (UPI)—
Tennessee authorities indicated
tonight that they would file
murder charges in the assas-
sination of Dr. King.

"That will be our immediate
consideration," Memphis Fire
and Police Director Frank Hol-
loman said in answer to a ques-
tion of whether there were
plans to issue a warrant for the
arrest of Galt.

"We look forward to the ap-
prehension of this individual
and his ultimate return to
Memphis for trial for the mur-
der of Dr. Martin Luther King
Jr.," Mr. Holloman said.

He would not elaborate on
the statement.

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