

For King Slaying Suspect

By the Associated Press

What may be the nation's most intensive manhunt gained fresh pressure yesterday when the FBI placed on its "most wanted" list a fugitive convict accused of murder in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old habitual criminal, is being hunted by police from border to border and beyond for the April 4 sniper slaying in Memphis, Tenn., of the Negro civil rights leader from Atlanta.

The FBI always has limited its list of most wanted criminals to 10 names but it lengthened this roll of dishonor to 11 by adding Ray, a white loner known also by the name of Eric Starvo Galt and by six other aliases.

In addition to a state first-degree murder warrant issued in Memphis, Ray is wanted on federal charges of conspiracy to deny Dr. King his civil rights and of flight to escape confinement. The latter stems from April 1967 escape from the Missouri Penitentiary at Jefferson City where he was starting his eighth year on a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

In announcing the unprecedented step of adding an 11th name to the "10 most wanted" list, FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover announced it was done "to insure the widest possible dissemination of Ray's photograph and description to help effect his earliest possible location."

As usual, the FBI is appealing to the public for help in spotting its man and—as usual—gives implied warning against any effort by a plain citizen to apprehend the criminal unaided.

"Ray should be considered armed and extremely dangerous. Anyone with information concerning this fugitive is requested to immediately contact the nearest office of the FBI, the telephone number of which may be found on the first page of local telephone directories."

Reportedly a native of Illinois, Ray is described as about 5 feet, 10 inches tall, weighing from 163

MAN 'RESEMBLING RAY' LIVE IN ATLANTA EARLY IN 1968

ATLANTA (UPI) — A man bearing "a very striking resemblance" to FBI pictures of the prison escapee source in the slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. lived with a woman in an apartment here during January and February, a landlady said yesterday.

"From what I saw of him, he bore a very striking resemblance to the FBI pictures," said the landlady, who asked to remain unidentified.

The woman said FBI agents questioned her Friday and showed her pictures of James Earl Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary who has been identified by the FBI as the elusive Eric Starvo Galt, wanted for the slaying of King.

She said that the young woman with whom the man stayed moved out of her apartments April 1 but left forwarding address. The woman told the landlady that her husband was in the Navy and that her visitor was her brother.

The young woman, shown pictures of Ray by UPI reporters, said he was not the man she knew. She said the FBI had not contacted her.

to 174 pounds. He has blue eyes and brown hair usually worn short. Forehead and right palm bear small scars. His nose is narrow and straight, teeth even. And he has a noticeably protruding left ear, the lobe of which he reportedly tugs when nervous.

In addition to armed robbery, Ray has been convicted of burglary, forgery of a postal money order and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. He has been confined in the Los Angeles County jail, two state prisons in Illinois and the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

During nearly three years in the Army he received a three-month sentence for drunkenness and breaking arrest. He was dis-

charged in December 1967 for ineptness and lack of adaptability to military service.

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