

FBI Issues, Cancels King Suspect Order

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MEMPHIS (AP)—The FBI issued, then withdrew, a request that Florida police help locate Eric Starvo Galt, a white man, as the investigation of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. entered its second week.

Federal agents refused to say why they were seeking Galt, whose last known address was Birmingham, Ala.

THE bulletin distributed yesterday on the statewide police teletype network in Florida said Galt was driving a white Mustang. Witnesses in Memphis told investigators earlier they saw a man in a white Mustang drive away from the rooming house from which King was shot April 4.

A source in the Dade County Public Safety Department in Miami said the FBI bulletin began: "Reference locate and notify no warrant issued Eric Starvo Galt," then described Galt and the Mustang. The message concluded: "If locat-

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ed notify Agent Charles Bell, FBI Miami."

"This meant they wanted him spotted, not picked up," the Miami source said. It was reported originally that a pickup order had been issued.

The FBI in Miami refused any comment.

Clark said last weekend that agents were on the trail of "one man on the run . . ." He said investigators had a name but "whether it proves to be the right name remains to be seen."

A man who registered at the rooming house, from which King apparently was shot, registered under the name of John Willard, police said.

The Florida teletype message said Galt was last seen driving a white 1966 Mustang hardtop, Alabama license 1-38993. Birmingham police said this tag had been issued to Eric S. Galt, 2608 Highland Ave., Birmingham.

In Atlanta, the residents who first told police about the abandoned white Mustang said the car bore the same Alabama license as given out by the FBI and bore two stickers which said "turista." Earlier reports indicated the investigation had spread to Mexico.

"The FBI was all over the place," before the car was impounded, an Atlanta witness said. He said the vehicle was towed away between 5:15 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Thursday—about the time the Florida teletype message was sent.