Birmingham Man Says F.B.I. Drawing of Mystery

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Special to The New York Times Economy Grill and Rooms, a the Federal agents. Birmingham boarding house,

had not seen Mr. Galt since year. then.

Mr. Galt, who drove an automobile similar to the one believed used as a getaway car after Dr. King was shot by a sniper on April 4 in Memphis, has been the subject of a nationwide search by the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Galt's car, a white Mustang, was impounded in Atlanta last Thursday by Federal agents.

Mr. <u>Cherpes</u>, who was asked by the F.B.I. not to <u>discuss</u> Mr. Galt, broke his silence today after reporters had repeatedly asked him questions over the weekend.

He said that last Tuesday Federal agents showed him some drawings of a man who bore a close resemblance to Mr. Galt.

Reporter Shows Drawing

A reporter for The Birmingham News showed Mr. Cherpes a drawing from The Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The drawing was made from descriptions given by residents of a Memphis rooming house from which, the police said, the shot that killed Dr. King was fired.

Mr. Cherpes said that the

drawing, a side view of a long-and kept to himself," Mr. Mr. Galt to the highway patrol nosed man, had less resem-Cherpes said. testing station. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April blance to Mr. Galt than did the He said that Mr. Galt, who A duplicate of Mr. Galt's 15-The manager of the full-face drawing shown him by said he was divorced, told him driver's license was believed to that he had been working at have been the identification The Federal investigating the Ingalls Shipyard at Pas- given at a Birmingham gun said today that Eric Starvo Galt, agency has not yet released cagoula, Miss., and that he was store in March of this year the mystery man in the murder a drawing of Mr. Galt, although going to take a vacation of sev- when a 30-'06-caliber Remingcase of the Rev. Dr. Martin it has several hundred men in eral months. ton rifle was bought. The rifle Luther King Jr., left his rooming the United States searching for house on Birmingham's South Mr. Cherpes said that Mr. At Pascagoula, A. C. Weeks, was found on a Memphis street an official of the shipyard, said outside the rooming house from house on Birmingham's South Mr. Cherpes said that Mr. that it had never hired a man which Dr. King had been shot. Side in early October last year. Galt, who gave his age as 36 by the name of Eric Galt. Although Mr. Cherpes said The manager, Peter N. Cher-years, checked into his room Mr. Cherpes helped his that he had not seen Mr. Galt pes, 72 years old, said that he ing house in late August last boarder to get a driver's license since October, a duplicate of Mr.

in early September. Galt's driver's license was He said that he had driven mailed on March 1 of this year "He was a very quiet man

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Figure in Dr. King Inquiry Resembles

to 2608 South Highland Avenue. Highland Birmingham, the address of the Payne said, and the 25 cents letter in a blue or green en-Economy Grill and Rooms.

Capt. T. L. Payne of the Alabama Highway Patrol said tonight that the driver's license division received a telephone call in late February from a man who identified himself as Eric Galt and said that he had lost his license.

Captain Payne said that the the object, which had come in he was going to Mobile to try man was told to send 25 cents a package two feet long and to find a job. He returned after

Mr. Cherpes said. got a job, Mr. Cherpes said. Mr. Cherpes also said that No warrant has mailed March 1 to the South

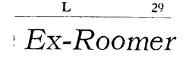
Captain in early March of this year a address, division on March 6.

received by the driver's license velope came for Mr. Galt, but that he returned the letter after In an earlier interview, Mr. about a week when Mr. Galt

Cherpes said that during the did not show up to claim it. six weeks that Mr. Galt had The rooming house manage The rooming house manager lived at his boarding house he said that the letter appeared

to cover the cost of a duplicate about one foot wide. license. The duplicate license was size," Mr. Cherpes said. Several days and picked up his belongings, saying that he had got a job, Mr. Cherpes said.

No warrant has been issued



for Mr. Galt's arrest, and a source in the F.B.I. emphasized that he was wanted purely for questioning. The source said that it might be that Mr. Galt would never be charged.

In Louisiana today, state of-ficials said that Mr. Galt had never got a driver's license there, although he had said on his application for an Alabama license that he had got one in Louisiana in 1962.

Every development in the investigation thus far has suggested that Eric Starvo Galt is a fictitious name.