

# KING SUSPECT

# IS ESCAPEE,

# REAL NAME

# RAY, FBI SAYS

WASHINGTON (AP)—The FBI today identified Eric Starvo Galt, wanted for the killing of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., as James Earl Ray, 40, an escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

The FBI said he was identified through "a systematic and exhaustive search of latent fingerprints" uncovered in the King case against the fingerprints of the more than 53,000 persons for whom wanted notices are on file in the bureau's identification division.

RAY WAS reported missing from the penitentiary at Jefferson City, Mo., April 23, 1967. He was serving a 20-year sentence for an armed robbery in St. Louis and operating a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. Ray, who had been at the prison since March 17, 1960,

spent some time in September, 1966, in the maximum security ward at the state hospital in Fulton, Mo.

The man known as Galt was charged Wednesday with the first-degree murder of King April 4 in Memphis, Tenn. He also is charged in a federal warrant with con-

spiracy and murder in the King assassination.

A drifter since he left school in the 10th grade at Alton, Ill., Ray served as an enlisted man in the Army from February, 1946, to December, 1948, when he was given a general discharge for

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ineptness and lack of adaptability, the FBI said. During his Army career he received a three-month sentence at hard labor for being drunk and "breaking" arrest.

**THE FBI SAID** Ray has an arrest record dating at least to 1949, when he was convicted for burglary in Los Angeles. He also was convicted in 1952 for armed robbery in Chicago and in 1955 for forging U.S. postal money orders in Missouri.

He has served terms in a Los Angeles County jail, state prisons at Joliet and Pontiac, Ill., and a federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan.

The FBI said Ray has used the names of James McBride, James Walton, W. C. Herron and James O'Conner.

**RAY CLAIMS** to have been born March 10, 1928, in Illinois—but the FBI did not say where. He is about 5-feet-10, weighs 163 to 174 pounds, has blue eyes and brown hair and two scars: a small one on the center of his forehead and another on the palm of his right hand.

He has worked as a baker, laborer and color matcher.

The FBI said Ray has been a federal fugitive since July 20, 1967 when an FBI complaint was filed at Jefferson City charging him with unlawfully fleeing from Missouri to avoid confinement.

The first warship to fly the American flag was the "Ranger," built in Kittery, Maine, in 1777.