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**WEATHER**

Cloudy,  
Cool, 50s.

Tomorrow:

Sunny, 60s.

SUNSET: 6:45 P.M.

SUNRISE

TOMORROW:  
5:02 A.M.

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**A KING SUSPECT  
HELD IN MEXICO**

## By TIMOTHY LEE

A U.S. citizen closely resembling James Earl Ray, who is being sought for the slaying of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was being held for investigation today by police in Hermosillo, Mexico, near the Arizona border.

The man was identified as Daniel David Kennedy from a passport issued in that name found on him when he was seized yesterday in a cafe in the small town of Caborca, 120 miles from Hermosilla.

Lt. Roberto Fletcher, of the judicial police investigation office in Caborca, said Kennedy had denied any connection with the death of the civil rights leader, slain by a sniper's bullet in Memphis April 4.

Kennedy told Mexican police he had crossed the border April 7 and walked the 80 miles to Caborca, an agricultural center in the state of Sonora.

Mexican police told the New York Post the journey would have been over "a very poor earth road" with few comfort stations. They declined to say whether Ken-

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go to Mexico.

"There is just no connection," she said after viewing FBI photos of Ray and being informed by an agent that her son was being held in Mexico. "He doesn't even look like him [Ray]."

Mrs. Kennedy said her son had called her from Mexico Sunday and "was so happy when he talked to me. He said people so friendly to him there because everything was so peaceful and quiet."

Mrs. Kennedy said it was "impossible for him to do it. He wouldn't even kill a fly, let alone a human being." She added her son was not on vacation, "Just wanted to take off, that's all."

John Scafe, public affairs officer at the U. S. consulate in Hermosillo, said the consulate had not been notified of Kennedy's arrest.

"If Kennedy had asked the police to contact us they would have notified us immediately, so apparently he has not requested to be put in contact with us," Scafe said. "The local police are very good about cooperating with us on these matters."

### Kennedy Transferred

Fletcher said Sonora state police agents were transferring Kennedy from Caborca to Hermosillo, the state capital, for questioning. He added that FBI agents were en route to Hermosillo from Arizona.

But in Phoenix, John Mull, FBI agent in charge in Arizona, denied any of his agents were traveling to Hermosillo and said he knew nothing about Kennedy's arrest.

"Bureau headquarters in Washington hasn't advised us

one way or the other on this," Mull said. "It's all very strange, yes it is. We have had no communication on it and don't know a thing about it."

In Washington, an FBI spokesman said the agency, continuing its policy of not disclosing any aspects of the investigation into King's slaying, would not comment on Kennedy's arrest.

### Escaped From Pen

The man the FBI identifies as James Earl Ray is a 40-year-old habitual criminal who escaped last April from the Missouri State Penitentiary, where he was serving the seventh year of a 20-year sentence for armed robbery.

Earlier he had been identified as Eric Starvo Galt, whose background included several references to Mexico.

A man resembling descriptions of King's slayer picked up a tourist visa from the Mexican consulate in Memphis the day before the killing.

A white Mustang identified as the car used to flee the murder scene was found abandoned a day later in Atlanta, Ga., bore two 1937 Mexican tourist stickers on the side windows.

FBI technicians reportedly found "red clay similar to dirt found in Mexico" in the car.

### 19,000 Miles

The odometer on the Mustang showed it had been driven more than 19,000 miles since it had been bought for \$1,995 in Birmingham, Ala., last Aug. 30, the FBI said, including trips to Mexico, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Birmingham, Memphis and Atlanta.

Rod Arvidson, 46, manager of the National Dance Studios in Long Beach, Calif., who said a man he had identified as "Galt" had studied there from mid-December to last Feb. 12, said "Galt" had told him and other dance-studio personnel he had operated a restaurant-bar on the Mexican coast.

But Arvidson, who is studying Spanish, said "Galt" did not respond when he put questions to him in Spanish and did not appear to speak the language.

Charles Stein, a 38-year-old songwriter whom "Galt" drove from Los Angeles to New Orleans, said the driver had told him he had just sold a bar in Mexico.

"I didn't believe it," Stein said. "His Spanish was too touristy."

When the suspect was identified as Ray a special alert was placed along the Mexican border.

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ned's shoes or clothes showed any signs of the long trip on foot.

"We cannot say anything more until officials arrive here," a police officer in Hermosillo said by telephone. "Until then, we know nothing about this."

Fletcher said Kennedy had made a telephone call to Baltimore earlier this week asking that money be sent to him. But Fletcher said he did not know to whom the call had gone in Baltimore.

Kennedy's mother, Mrs. Pearl E. Kennedy, said in Baltimore today that her 41-year-old son

had left that city March 24 to