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Manhunt

For Assassin

Of Dr. King

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Atlanta (UPI) — Indications mounted today that the most wanted man in the nation, Eric Starvo Galt, never actually existed but was carefully contrived months before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated.

Authorities pressed their search — without a warrant — for the man but indicated they feared Galt may be a blind set up to hamper the search for the killer, or killers, of King.

It was learned that investigators have been unable to trace his existence beyond last summer, and pointed out that it is virtually impossible for a person to leave so few traces.

The man who called himself Galt purchased a car in Birmingham, Ala., on Aug. 30. He

did not apply for an Alabama driver's license until a week later, at which time he gave his occupation as unemployed

merchant marine seaman.

This apparently was a lie. None of the merchant seamen's unions have any record of him, and it is impossible to work on an American Flag ship, officials say, without a union card.

Galt's trail grows cold in Atlanta, where his car was abandoned April 5, the morning after King was slain in Memphis.

Only one resident of the rooming house where Galt lived even recalls him, and he remembers virtually nothing about the man except that he probably stayed in the rooming house for six months.

FBI Bulletins

The only official mention of Galt was in an FBI "locate and notify" bulletin issued, and then withdrawn, in Florida. It said he was 31, 5-foot-11, 175 pounds, blue eyes and brown hair. It said his name was Eric Starvo Galt.

It has been speculated, however, that this is a misspelling, though it is not known whether this is the result of an error in the bulletin or whether the FBI has the name listed at all. It is probably Stavro, some name, rather than Starvo.

The source pointed out that the name Stavro, in German, can be translated "Red Star." If the identity is fictitious, authorities noted, it would in-