

## Getaway Car?

# White Mustang Found in Atlanta

ATLANTA — (UPI) — About 12 hours after the sniper slaying of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Memphis, Tenn., a housewife in an apartment project here, 332 miles away, interrupted breakfast chores to stare out her kitchen window.

A strange car was parked, rear to the curb, in the Capitol Homes parking lot.

"We (her family) watched it and discussed it because we hadn't seen it before," said Mrs. John H. Riley.

"Most of the cars parked here are owned by people who live here."

### WHITE MUSTANG

Later, on the morning of April 5, a neighbor dropped in for coffee and the talk turned to the King assassination.

Mrs. Riley's visitor said a white Mustang was believed to be the killer's getaway car.

"Why, it's sitting out there in the parking lot," Mrs. Riley said jokingly.

Another resident of the project, Mrs. Ernest Payne, said she saw the 1966 Mustang arrive.

### ALABAMA LICENSE

She estimated the time at 90 minutes to two hours later than Mrs. Riley's guess of 7 a.m.

She said "a nice looking man" got out of the car, locked it and walked away, carrying a small black book in his hand. She said the car bore an Alabama license plate.

Other residents also saw the car or the man.

Joe Manus said he had noticed the car since last Friday, the day after King was shot.

Mrs. Mary Bridges said she saw a well-dressed, dark-haired man near the vehicle recently.

No one reported the car to police until Mrs. Riley's son, Johnny, 13, told her he'd seen two Mexican "tourista" stickers on the window of the Mustang.

### MEXICO STORIES

Mrs. Riley said she'd heard news stories that the suspected assassin had visited Mexico prior to the killing.

Johnny also said the floor of the car was covered with cigaret ashes and red mud.

Mrs. Riley called the FBI and Atlanta police Wednesday night, she said.

The 1968 Alabama license number of the car, 1-38993, was traced to an Eric Starvo Galt, 37, of a South Birmingham, Ala., address.

Residents of a rooming house there said they hadn't seen Galt in three months.