

Hunt for Killer13 Apr. 68
SF CHRONICLE?**Clark Says FBI
Has Evidence**

MEMPHIS — (AP) — FBI agents have uncovered "very substantial" physical evidence as they work "around the clock pursuing every lead" in the search for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassin, says Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

"The FBI is devoting every possible resource to this investigation," Clark said. "... While it remains impossible to predict when the killer will be arrested, I remain hopeful it will be soon."

A Justice Department spokesman said the statement was Clark's first public pronouncement on the case in five days.

SAME CAR

In New York, the Daily News reported it had learned the FBI definitely established that while the white Mustang sports car abandoned in Atlanta was the same car seen driving away from the murder scene.

King was shot and killed by a sniper April 4 as he stood outside his motel room here.

In Washington, Rep. Charles W. Whalen Jr. (R-Ohio) said a welter of "premature and contradictory statements" is clouding the investigation and asked the FBI to "set the record straight."

"The handling of the investigation and the efforts to apprehend the guilty person or

persons hardly has been reassuring to a tense and troubled nation," Whalen said.

HUNT SPREADS

The search has spread hundreds of miles from Memphis, sources report, and involves thousands of investigators.

At a rooming house in Birmingham, residents said FBI agents had questioned them about Eric Starvo Galt, a white man named in an FBI bulletin withdrawn in Florida Thursday night.

The message, sent over the state police teletypewriter network in Florida, asked help in locating Galt. It said Galt was driving a white Mustang.

Witnesses in Memphis told investigators earlier they saw a man in a white Mustang drive away from the rooming house.

Records in Alabama show a man named Galt bought a 1966 Mustang in August, 1967.

SEAMAN

Other documents disclosed Galt listed his occupation as "merchant seaman, unemployed," when he applied for a driver's license in Birmingham last September, giving the Birmingham rooming house as his address.

Federal authorities in Atlanta have impounded a white Mustang abandoned in a parking lot near the Geor-

gia State Capitol.

Residents of the neighborhood said the car had been there since the day after King was shot.

A Methodist minister who notified police about the abandoned car said he "came within just a hair of not talking to police."

The Rev. Ike Powell said he had heard news reports about a white Mustang, but "it's a big world and there are so many white Mustangs."