

STATES-ITEM

Atlanta Cab Driver Identifies Drawing

ATLANTA (AP)—An Atlanta taxi driver says an FBI sketch matches a rude patron who rode with him two blocks in north-east Atlanta's "hippie" section a night after Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was slain.

He said the man he identified to an FBI agent in a sketch yesterday was in a hurry and rushed from his taxi, flinging the fare onto the seat.

THE driver, who asked that his name not be used, said FBI agents have been checking taxi trip sheets since a white Mustang, matching the description of a car seen leaving the assassination scene in Memphis, was found abandoned in Atlanta last week.

The FBI continued its "no comment" policy. Atlanta police said they had received no information on the report.

In Birmingham Monday, the landlord of a boarding house said he was sure the description of Eric Starvo Galt fit that of a man sought by the FBI. "That's him, I'm sure," said Peter Cherpes, 72, referring to the drawings.

The Atlanta taxi driver said

the name Galt was not mentioned to him by the FBI agent.

HE said the agent questioned him first about a fare he had carried from a nightclub near Peachtree and 10th Streets, but the driver said he knew the patron "and he was not the same man."

However, the agent then disclosed the sketch which appeared to be a type of composite photograph, and the driver recognized him as a fare he had picked up between 10 p. m. and midnight Friday, April 5, about four blocks away at Peachtree and 14th sts. in front of a "hippie" coffee house. He said the man appeared to be in a hurry.