

King Suspect's New Orleans Stay

New Orleans

An expensive and exclusive New Orleans motel has confirmed that a man identifying himself as Eric Starvo Galt registered there Dec. 17, 1967, and stayed until the 19th, it was learned yesterday.

Galt was the name used by James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, according to the FBI.

The Provincial Motor Hotel confirmed that Galt registered there on those dates.

According to writer Louis Lomax, in an article yesterday for the North American Newspaper Alliance, Ray used the name of Galt when he came to New Orleans to

meet a local industrialist with whom he had previous telephone contact.

Lomax claimed Ray, a 40-year-old escapee from the Missouri State Penitentiary, traveled around the country after meeting the unnamed industrialist, and finally went to Memphis, where Dr. King was assassinated April 4.

Meanwhile the FBI continued its 20-day-old manhunt for Ray, last believed seen in Atlanta, Ga., the day after Dr. King was murdered.

Also reported being sought by the FBI was a woman identified only as "Jerri" and described as a blue-eyed blonde who knew Ray as Galt in Hollywood, Calif. *Reuters*