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## Clue in the King Case

# An Assassin's Map of Atlanta

### Washington

A map of Atlanta with the area of Dr. Martin Luther King's residence and church circled has been linked to accused assassin James Earl Ray by the FBI, it was learned yesterday.

The Los Angeles Times learned from an unimpeachable source that the map is part of the FBI's evidence in its civil rights conspiracy case against Ray.

The map tends to support a theory by some investigators that Ray stalked Dr. King for some time before fatally shooting him on April 4 as the civil rights leader stood on a balcony outside his Memphis motel room.

The areas circled included

the Ebenezer Baptist church on Auburn Avenue in a Negro business area on the eastern edge of downtown Atlanta and the area of Dr. King's residence several miles southwest of downtown Atlanta. Dr. King and his father, the Rev. Martin Luther King Sr. served as co-pastors of the church.

Ray has been the object of a nationwide manhunt since April 17 when the FBI charged him — in a complaint listing him under the alias of Eric Starvo Galt — with conspiring to violate Dr. King's civil rights. Memphis police quickly followed up with a murder charge.

Two days after filing the complaint, the FBI announced that fingerprints un-

covered in its investigation revealed that Galt actually was Ray, a 40-year-old escaped convict from the Missouri State Penitentiary.

### ABANDONED

How the FBI obtained the Atlanta map with its markings is not known. It apparently was either left by Ray as he fled the murder scene or was found in a car abandoned in Atlanta.

The FBI alleges Ray bought a rifle with telescopic sight in Birmingham on March 29. And Jefferson County (Birmingham) Sheriff Mel Bailey has said the killing probably was planned in Birmingham as long ago as last October or November.

Federal investigators, however, apparently favor the

theory that Ray, who was known to be strangely impulsive, did not plan the killing over that long a period of time.

The FBI apparently has lost all trace of Ray since between April 5 — 12 to 14 hours after the killing — when a man believed to be him was seen abandoning a white Mustang in a public housing project in Atlanta.

### QUESTION

A question still bothering the FBI is whether Ray, although he is believed to have acted alone in the actual assassination, might not have been a hired killer. He is believed to have spent \$6000 to \$8000 in cash after his escape and had no known employment during that time.

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