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WASHINGTON AP - The FBI today cha

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with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
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It was the first time that any conspiracy had been officially mentioned in connection with the April 4 assassination of King, in Memphis.

And the FBI issued a photograph which it identified as being one of Galt, "also known as Harvey Lowmyer and John Willard."

The FBI said a warrant was issued in Birmingham, Ala., today on the basis of an FBI complaint which charged that Galt "and an individual whom he alleged to be his brother, entered into a conspiracy" which began around March 29 at Birmingham and ended about April 5 to "injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate Martin Luther King Jr."

Galt was charged with conspiring to violate King's civil rights.

An FBI statement said Galt has given his date of birth as July 20, 1931, has brown hair, wears his hair in a brush cut, reportedly has blue eyes, a straight narrow nose, is between 5-feet-8 and 5-feet-11 and weighs between 160 and 175 pounds.

The FBI said "the fugitive is said to have a nervous habit of occasionally pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand. His left ear protrudes farther from his head than his right ear."

The FBI statement said that Galt, on or about March 30, bought a rifle at Birmingham. The bureau did not say specifically that this was the rifle that killed King.

But the statement said, "a 30.06 rifle equipped with a telescopic site was found near a rooming house on South Main Street in Memphis immediately after the fatal shooting of Dr. King occurred." The rooming house overlooks the Lorraine Hotel and Motel where King was staying.

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FBI agents have determined that the rifle was purchased from a Birmingham gun dealer March 30. The sight also was said to have been bought from the same dealer, whom the FBI did not identify.

The FBI said Galt owns a 1966 white Mustang with Alabama license plates which was found abandoned in Atlanta, Ga., April 1. It was bought from a private citizen in Birmingham

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The car's odometer showed it had been driven more than 19,000 miles between late August 1967 and early April 1968.

The FBI said "Galt's travel in the Mustang included trips to Los Angeles, Calif., New Orleans, La., Birmingham, Ala., and Mexico as well as to Memphis, Tenn., and Atlanta, Ga. Galt was reported to have been in Memphis on April 3 and 4, 1968 and to have departed from there for Atlanta."

The FBI said also its investigation had disclosed these facts:

-Galt has claimed to have been employed as a cook on Mississippi river vessels and as a merchant seaman.

-He is said to be an avid dancer and took dancing lessons in New Orleans in 1964 and 1965, in Birmingham during September and October 1967 and in Long Beach, Calif., from December 1967 to February 1968.

-Galt left Los Angeles last Dec. 15 and drove his Mustang to New Orleans where he claimed he contacted either an engineering or a contracting firm. He left there Dec. 19 and arrived in Los Angeles Dec. 21.

-While in the Los Angeles area early this year, Galt took a course at a bartending school and was graduated March 2.

An FBI description of Galt said persons who have met him "describe him as a loner and state his language and diction have a rural quality and suggest that he probably does not have a high degree of education. He is said to drink alcoholic beverages and has a preference for vodka and beer. He is a fan of Western and country music."

The bureau warned that "Galt should be considered armed and dangerous," and any information concerning him should be furnished immediately to the FBI.

The FBI gave no further identification of the man Galt has alleged to be his brother, would not say where it obtained the photograph, and would not disclose in what connection Galt used the lowmyer alias.

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WASHINGTON AP - A fugitive warrant charging an Eric Starvo Galt with conspiracy in the murder of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was issued Wednesday by the FBI.

In the first official mention of a conspiracy in connection with the April 4 assassination of Dr. King in Memphis, the FBI said the alleged plot involved also a man Galt described as his brother.

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