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MEMPHIS, Tenn. AP - The nation's police agencies intensified a nationwide search today for Eric Starvo Galt, the elusive fugitive sought in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

They were aided by thousands of wanted posters, just gaining wide distribution two days after the FBI publicly identified Galt, 36, as the man it had sought secretly since a week after the April 4 slaying.

The FBI refused comment on queries about whether it believes Galt is the man's real name or was simply a cover built painstakingly over a number of months by the beer-drinking lover of hillbilly music.

Two aliases—John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer—were listed on the federal conspiracy warrant issued against Galt in Birmingham, Ala., Wednesday afternoon and the first degree murder warrant issued by the state against him here Wednesday night.

"John Willard" was the name used by the man who checked into a Main Street rooming house three hours before King was shot as he stood on the balcony of a motel here. There has been no reference to the second alias.

The federal agency denied a report that it had taken into custody the man it said Galt described as his brother and that the brother was aiding in the search. The federal warrant, issued Wednesday, claimed that Galt and the brother entered into a conspiracy March 29 to violate King's civil rights.

The FBI covered many specific details about Galt's life over the past several years in its release including the fact that he is an avid dancer, has "rural speech," apparently lacks education and has a "nervous habit of pulling at an ear lobe with his left hand."

But except for his age, the FBI's statement was void of vital statistics, including Galt's birthplace or of any details of his movement prior to 1964.

The statement disclosed for the first time that Galt was in Memphis the day before King was shot, although he did not move into the rooming house from which the fatal bullet was fired until the day of the assassination.

A night clerk at a motel here said that a man registered there as "Eric S. Galt" the day before the slaying, but stayed in his room all night and received no visitors.

There were these other developments.

The U.S. attorney's office in Kansas City quoted an informant of "apparent reliability" as saying King was among persons marked for death if Robert Bolivar Depugh, leader of the militant, rightwing Minutemen organization, ever went to jail.

The statement was included in a court motion to dismiss an appeal from Depugh on a conviction for a National Firearms Act violation.

A Birmingham man who said he had a brief business dealing with Galt told reporters that the hunted man once told him he had a wife living in the Rocky Ridge section of the Alabama City. There was no official confirmation.

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