

KING ASSASSIN HUNTED IN CALIF.

'Brother' Believed Tipster

Galt Search Shifts West

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BIRMINGHAM (Ala.)—

The FBI reportedly has an informer—apparently the conspirator of fugitive Eric Starvo Galt—in their nationwide search for the assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King.

A tip from the alleged informer led the gfbi to believe it could arrest the mysterious Galt in California Wednesday.

This belief led federal authorities to obtain an conspiracy warrant against Galt. Memphis officials swore out a murder warrant.

But the tip either was wrong or Galt eluded authorities. A good part of the investigation apparently still centers in California, where Galt attended a bartending school in February and March.

GALT NAMED

The FBI in its warrant charged Galt and his "alleged brother" with conspiring to harm King, shot to death by a white sniper in Memphis April 4.

The conspirator was not charged in the federal warrant or in the murder warrant.

The FBI in Washington said it "has no one in custody in connection with Dr. King's slaying," but a reliable source said agents either are in communication with or questioning Galt's "alleged brother."

The informer, according to

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sources, had rejectd a .243 by Galt in Birmingham "not the gun we need."

Galt returned to a sporting goods store and exchanged the gun for a .30-06 Remington pump rifle March 30. Such a gun was found abandoned near the Memphis flophouse from where King was shot.

The FBI has traced Galt's activities to Birmingham, Memphis, Atlanta and Los Angeles.

A picture of Galt, 36, was obtained by the FBI from the International School of Bartending in Los Angeles, where Galt graduated March 2. School director Thomas

Ryes Lau said the picture was taken for Galt's graduation.

"He was a nice fellow with a nice personality, very intelligent," said Lau of Galt.

'TO SEE BROTHER'

Lau said Galt was desperate for a job, but refused one he offered with the explanation:

"Well, I have to leave to go see my brother. What good would it do for me to work for only two or three weeks? I'd better wait until I return to town and get a permanent job."

A devotee of hillbilly music and an avid dancer, Galt took lessons at several dance studios in Los Angeles.

"He showed no signs of racial prejudice," said dance instructor Kathy Nolan, 21. "He was repressed and withdrawn and no swinger."

WANTED POSTERS

The nation's police agencies were aided in their search for Galt by thousands of wanted posters.

The FBI refused comment whether it believes Galt is the man's real name or was simply a cover. He has two aliases — John Willard and Harvey Lowmyer.

"John Willard" was the name used by the man who checked into the flop house three hours before King was shot.