

King Suspect Advertised For a Girl

Los Angeles

James Earl Ray, alias Eric Stavro Galt, the alleged killer of Dr. Martin Luther King, put a "girl wanted" ad in a Los Angeles underground newspaper while he was hiding out here reportedly plotting the assassination, it was disclosed yesterday.

The ad, in the Los Angeles Free Press, said: "Single male Caucasian (white), 36 years, 5 ft. 11 inches, 170 lbs., desires discreet meeting with passionate married female for mutual enjoyment."

The ad appeared February 2. Ray, who was then going under the alias of Galt, is said to have left Los Angeles for Atlanta in the second week of March.

The ad was signed "Eric" and said the advertiser was willing to provide a photograph.

Two FBI agents called on the Free Press this week and removed the original copy of the advertisement from the files. Beneath the text it was signed Eric Gal and carried an east Los Angeles suburban address.

The Free Press staff said they did not know if Galt received any answers.

According to the FBI, he

also wrote in Los Angeles to a "swinger club" which sent him a list of women's names. Galt wrote to one of them enclosing his photograph. The Polaroid photograph was published by the FBI last week.

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