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Doctor Says 'Galt' Had Plastic Surgery

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. (AP)—Earl Ray, now facing trial in Memphis, Tenn., on a charge of murdering King.

An attorney says a man who gave his name as Eric Galt underwent minor plastic surgery before the assassination last April of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The lawyer, Bennet Olan, declined yesterday to give details of the surgery performed by Dr. Russel C. Hadley except to say it was of the type which would not greatly change his appearance.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has reported Eric Galt was an alias used by James

Olan said he thought the operation was performed three or four weeks before the assassination on April 4. "It may have been on the 4th or the 11th of March, I forget which," he said.

The surgeon referred all questions to Olan. The lawyer said it's believed Galt sought out Dr. Hadley through the Los Angeles County Medical Association.

Olan said the case didn't stand out in Hadley's mind, but he added: "As soon as we discovered who the patient had been, the case was reported to the FBI."

The attorney said that as far as he knew, Hadley has not been subpoenaed to testify in the Ray trial.