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Galt Trip From Coast to New Orleans Recalled by Companion

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James Earl Ray, accused by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of the way.

of conspiracy in the murder of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., was reported to have driven last Stein said.

from Los Angeles to New Orleans to talk business with "a man with an Italian name."

Charles Stein a bearded songwriter, said that he had made that Stein added

the trip with Eric Starvo Galt "pleased."

writer, said that he had made that Galt seemed to be things, like did I think Eric

said by the F.B.I. to be an alias of Ray's. Mr. Stein said

in an interview that Galt had

told him the man's name, "but

I don't remember right now

what it was."

"But it was a man with an

Italian name and he either

lived on the Industrial canal

in New Orleans or he had a Motel in New Orleans showed

business there," Mr. Stein said.

There are scores of busi-

nesses but no residences on the

New Orleans Industrial canal,

which is part of the Mississippi

River port facilities.

Complaint Filed

Dr. King was fatally wounded by a rifle bullet in Memphis April 4. A complaint filed by Joseph H. Gamble, F.B.I. agent in Birmingham, said that Galt, with an "alleged brother," had conspired to violate Dr. King's civil rights.

A week ago, in discussing the trip he had taken with Galt Mr. Stein said that Galt had driven to New Orleans as a favor to Mrs. Rosas to pick up two of the widow's daughters, who were staying in New Orleans with relatives.

Mr. Stein said that Galt had agreed to make the trip if Mr. Stein and his sister would sign a petition seeking to get the name of former Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama on the California ballot as a Presidential candidate.

Mrs. Rosas said that she and her brother had signed the Wallace petitions because they were both from the Deep South, not because they had wanted a favor from Galt.

Mrs. Rosas said that Galt had been discussing his proposed trip to New Orleans in a Hollywood bar where she worked. She said she had told him about her two daughters in New Orleans and that he had invited her to go with him and bring them back.

On Dec. 15, when the trip was to begin, Galt came by her house to pick her up, she said, but she said that she had not intended to go and asked Galt if her brother could go instead. Galt readily agreed, she said.

Mr. Stein said that he and

Galt drove straight through to the lives in Hollywood, have been questioned numerous times found that Galt and Ray were through United States diplomatic missions in a number of countries.

"They are now saying I am the key to this thing, who may have paid for it," Mr. Stein said.

He would not elaborate.

Mrs. Rosas said last night that she was interviewed by agents for an offer from a magazine for exclusive rights to his story.

"They asked me all kind of things, like did I think Eric stopped several times in Texas

Galt was capable of murder," on the way to New Orleans to make long-distance telephone calls.

the Eric Galt I knew shot Dr. King."

Mr. Stein said that he had spent \$35 for gasoline and food but that Galt had not seemed worried about money.

In New Orleans, Mr. Stein James Earl Ray. The United States Consulate General issued

Dec. 17 through Dec. 19, in Lee said today that the picture released by the F.B.I. of in "giving the fullest possible

Mr. Stein said that he and Ray, an escaped convict from publicity" to information about his widowed sister, Mrs. Rita Missouri did not appear to be the suspect.

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International Hunt Opens

HONG KONG, April 25 (UPI)

—The F.B.I. has begun an international search for information on the whereabouts of

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the bureau has asked assistance

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