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PRESS PROCEDURES REPORT
Charles F. Holmes
July 23, 1968

July 22, 8 a.m.:

Called attached list and notified them

"J. A. Blackwell, Criminal Court Clerk, announces that an arraignment for James Earl Ray will be held at 9:30 a.m. Members of the Press should gather at the Poplar street entrance to the Shelby County Building before 9 a.m. for admission. No cameras, sketches or recording equipment will be allowed. All members of the Press will be searched."

At 8:30-9 a.m., the press was notified as they waited in the lounge that they would be searched, given a number card, photographed and recorded and shown a seat to the Courtroom. They were told "If you have any cameras, recording equipment or any other equipment that violates the Court Order in your possession, you are given the opportunity to leave the Grounds at this time or be arrested when it is discovered." There were no complaints from the press.

*The same attached list was used to call for the 6 a.m. Press Conference Friday morning announcing the confinement of James Earl Ray and the Court Order.

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July 22
9:30 AM

Attending the arraignment from the press were:

Carol Kelley, Press Scimitar
Jerry Duby, WDIA
Hank Leifermann, UPI
Martin Waldran, New York Times
Phil Cirrone, ABC
Robert Greene, Newsday
Gerold Frank, author
Charles Edmundson, Commercial Appeal
Nick Chriss, Los Angeles Times News Service
Lloyd Lewallen, WMPS

Don Oliver, NBC
George Herman, CBS
Ed Goetz, WMCTV
Tom Jarold, ABC
Don Stevens, WHBQTV
Bill Johnson, AP
M.L.Reid, Tri-State Defender
Paul Barnett, WRECTV
Larry Lala, CBS
Ray Hamilton, Press Scimitar

Jim Reid, Press Scimitar
Fred Griffith, Commercial Appeal
Bill Sartor, Time Magazine
Jim Killpatrick, Commercial Appeal
Paul Bateman, WMCTV

All were notified that they would be searched. All were told that "If you have any cameras, recording equipment or any other equipment in violation of the Court Order, you are now given the opportunity to leave with it or be arrested when it is discovered."

— 6 A.M. —

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— Bring portable equipment —

Alert call list:

Jimmie Covington 363 5733 Bill Sowells: 396 6934
Van Pritchart MU 2 6187 Ray Wilson - 396-4532 -
Norm Brewer 363 1846
Bob Ratcliffe BR 6 2202
Ernest Withers 946 3289
Don Stevens 683 7887
Russ Hodge 386 4443
Charles Rond 362 3272 or Bill Aucoin 327 6043
[redacted] Bill Johnson, AP, 396 7567
Hal Smith [redacted] Bill Reeves 357 3851 → 363 - 4812
Robert Richards 275 8395
M.L.Reid 683 6939
1 — Sartor - Time - 525-5491
Gerald Frank, [redacted] 526 7766, room 833
[redacted]
Nick Chriss, Downtowner 525-5491-523-
Bob Garcia, AP Photo, 525 5491, #231
Ed Rabal, CBS News, 525 1313, Room 46-D 527-5716-17-18-19
Jerry Lubenow, [redacted] 526 7766, room 1023
Elliot Bernstein, Rivermont 912 or 530 ABC 525-0121
Ian Brodie, Rivermont, 926 or Burton, 928 525-0121
GIL MICHAEL 363 4575 — 323-8528

[redacted]

↓ Corridor
— out of Van
— into room
— into jail
— off elevator
— along Hall
— into Cell
— in Cell (3 or 4)
— Cell Area

- ck out about Courtroom objectos -

Completed -
5:05 Am Friday

completed 9:20 Am Monday