



TO Ch. Cl.

DATE 12/6 TIME 10:35

While You Were Out...

MR. Charles Holmes

OF _____

PHONE _____

TELEPHONED

CALLED TO SEE YOU

WILL CALL AGAIN

WANTS TO SEE YOU

PLEASE CALL HIM

RET'D YOUR CALL

MESSAGE _____

*Left attached.
also, needs to meet with
you and Judge Bate Monday
day*

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PRESS REQUESTS, DEC. 3, 1968

1. Audio feed to the press room from the courtroom.
This request from the television networks and seconded by other members of the delegation would allow a "tap" on the existing microphones so that accredited members of the press in the press room could hear the trial. The network representative was particularly interested since, under this arrangement, their seat would be occupied by a note-taking artist.
2. Use of public seats by members of the press when vacant.
If the public does not fill up their allotment of seats, the request is that they would be given to the press. Also, that members of the press be allowed to line up with the public for a chance on the seats.
3. Increase in press seating.
This request was to extend the press section across the back row of the room. I believe there are nine seats on that row not reserved for the press. This request was from the New York Post, Daily News, Washington Post. There have been six or seven papers that have made a continuing effort to be seated.
4. A public address system in the courtroom to aid hearing in the rear of the room.
5. Sketching in the courtroom during the trial.
6. Silent film and still photos of Ray in his cell or in a corridor going from the cell to the courtroom by a pool or limited staffer.
7. Allowing a certain number of agencies (estimated to be 8 to 10) to clear two reporters at a time through security. The extras would wait in the hall outside the courtroom or another secure area to replace the courtroom reporter at morning and afternoon recesses. AP, UPI, CBS, NBC, ABC and five or six national and local newspapers would want this.
8. Use of a courier for transport of reporters' notes from the courtroom to the press room.

Meeting attended by:

UPI representative
AP "
CBS "
NBC "
New York Post representative
Chicago Tribune "
New York Daily News "
Washington Post "
The Commercial Appeal representative
Gerold Frank, author