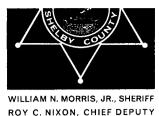
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PRESS PROCEDURES REPORT Charles F. Holmes July 23, 1968

July 22, 8 a.m.:

Called attached list and notified them

"J. A. Blackwell, Criminal Court Clerk, announces that an amraignment 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 first 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 of the 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 27 q:30 Am



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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 Cliver, 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 Bred 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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