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To: SAC, Chicago  
From: Director, FBI (44-38861)  
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Re Memphis airtel to the Bureau dated 10-25-68.

You should interview Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Klingeman, owners of the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois, to determine the origin of the matter in relation to the statement in the "Commercial Appeal" newspaper stating FBI using tape recordings of voices of relatives and acquaintances of James Earl Ray to determine if they contacted Ray while he was employed at the Indian Trail Restaurant.

Copies containing results of interview in a form suitable for dissemination.

Insure that the Klingemans fully understand that the Bureau is not involved in any such activity as described.

1 - Memphis (44-1987)

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NOTE: Article appearing in "Commercial Appeal" newspaper in Tennessee, 10-25-68, states FBI using tape recordings to determine if relatives and acquaintances contacted Ray while he was employed in Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois. We are instructing Chicago to interview the owners of this restaurant to resolve the origin of this matter.

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GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

This is the case involving the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Article in Commercial Appeal and Business First, Memphis, Tennessee, dated 4/11/68, dealing with using tape recordings of conversations of relatives and acquaintances of James Earl Ray to determine if they contacted Ray while he was confined, 1967, at Joliet Jail, Joliet, Illinois. Article, appearing in Chicago Sun Times, dated 4/11/68, containing information on James Earl Ray and wife who operate a restaurant.

King's name gave excellent reputation according to local authorities; we interviewed them regarding activities of Ray and obtained no pertinent information; we did not utilize any tape recordings. No tape recordings of conversations of relatives and acquaintances of Ray are available to Bureau.

We are instructing Chicago to interview the lineups to resolve the origin of this matter. Department being advised.

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FBI

Date: 10-25-68

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (44-38861)  
FROM: SAC, MEMPHIS (44-1987) P  
MURKIN.

The "Commercial Appeal," a Memphis, Tennessee, morning newspaper, on Friday, October 25, on Page 1, carries an article captioned "FBI Tries to Tag Voices in Ray Case." This article written by ART PETACQUE under dateline of Chicago, October 24. Two Xerox copies attached for assistance and guidance of Chicago Office, and two copies are being furnished for the Bureau's information.

Of particular interest in this article is a statement attributed to HARVEY KLINGEMAN, who operated the Indian Trail Restaurant in Winnetka, Illinois. JAMES EARL RAY did work at this restaurant for the period May 3 through June 24, 1967.

KLINGEMAN reportedly said that the United States Justice Department is using tape recordings of voices of JAMES EARL RAY's acquaintances to determine whether they contacted RAY by telephone or other means while he worked at a Winnetka, Illinois, restaurant. KLINGEMAN also reportedly says FBI Agents did not disclose the identity of the voices on the tapes. KLINGEMAN speculated that the voices were those of relatives or others who might be involved with JAMES EARL RAY at some time prior to the murder of MARTIN LUTHER KING at Memphis on April 4. The Memphis Division, which is origin in instant case, has no knowledge of any tapes of this type being used or any tapes of this type being available in instant case. It appears to the Memphis Division that this may be a complete fabrication on the part of either KLINGEMAN or the reporter involved.

It is suggested that since this information emanated in the Chicago area, the Chicago Office furnish its comments in this matter.

- 3 BUREAU (Enc. 2) (AM)
- 2 CHICAGO (Enc. 2) (AM)
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Approved: RG Jensen  
Special Agent in Charge

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...the market at 800...  
 ...up the...  
 ...frequently cause...  
 ...to businessmen in the...  
 ...But murder, now that's...  
 ...something else."

## The Weather

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
**FOR MEMPHIS and Vicinity.**  
 Fair and cool Friday and  
 colder Friday night. Partly  
 cloudy and continued cool  
 Saturday. High Friday about  
 60. Winds northerly 10 miles  
 per hour. Low Friday 36.

**YESTERDAY'S REPORT**  
 High, 55 degrees at 2:25 p.m.  
 Low 47 degrees at 7:20 a.m.  
 Mean (midway between high  
 and low), 55. Normal mean for  
 date, 60.

**HOURLY READINGS**

7:00 a.m.	47
8:00 a.m.	48
9:00 a.m.	49
10:00 a.m.	50
11:00 a.m.	51
12:00 p.m.	52
1:00 p.m.	53
2:00 p.m.	54
3:00 p.m.	55
4:00 p.m.	54
5:00 p.m.	53
6:00 p.m.	52
7:00 p.m.	51
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12:00 a.m.	46

**A YEAR AGO YESTERDAY**  
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 Mean 55. Normal mean for  
 date, 60.

...and ord...  
 ...I've got... have...  
 ...law and order in this country...  
 This is a sad day when the  
 greatest city in the world has  
 fear not only in Madison  
 Square Garden but also in every  
 school in the city," he  
 gen.

Referring to New York's  
 school integration troubles fur-  
 ther, Wallace said that if he  
 were elected, "Not one penny  
 of federal money would be  
 used to bus anybody you don't  
 want bused."

LeMay preceded Wallace to  
 the stand and called for a  
 "drastic change" if the United  
 States "is to win the war in  
 Vietnam and end crime in the  
 streets."

He said both Republican candi-  
 date Richard M. Nixon and  
 Democratic candidate Hubert  
 H. Humphrey "offer the same  
 coddling of criminals and an-  
 archists and the same no-win  
 policy" in Vietnam.

Wallace flew here from Dur-  
 ham, N.C., where he charged  
 Nixon is creating a "credibil-  
 ity gap" with his statements  
 about debating other presiden-  
 tial candidates.

Or Wednesday Wallace  
 waived his equal time rights  
 to clear the way for a Nixon-

...fulfilled the wish of  
 a her father and mother,  
 she wanted a... daughter  
 she they already have a 16-  
 month-old grandson by their  
 younger daughter, Luci Nu-  
 ...

It was a dream come true,"  
 the President said.

Mrs. Johnson, who was with  
 her husband when he made the  
 announcement, said she did  
 not know what the baby would  
 be named.

Johnson said he had spent  
 very anxious moments while  
 awaiting the birth.

Lynda, 24, arrived at the  
 hospital at 7:20 p.m. (Memphis  
 time) Thursday after her phy-  
 sician, Capt. Walter M. Joner-  
 son, chief of obstetrics and gy-  
 necology at Bethesda, exam-  
 ined her at the White House  
 and determined she was in la-  
 bor.

Lynda's husband, Marine  
 Capt. Charles S. Robb, sta-  
 tioned at Da Nang, South Viet-  
 nam, was told of the birth by  
 telegram. He had been in-  
 formed earlier that Lynda was  
 in labor.

Johnson happily munched on  
 chocolates as he chatted with  
 reporters about his new grand-  
 daughter.

...most of the charity  
 ...who normally go to  
 Gaston... an estimated total  
 cost to private hospitals of  
 about \$10,000 a day. Most fac-  
 ulty and interns and residents  
 from UT, who work at Gaston,  
 have also been shifted to other  
 facilities.

"Recruitment still worries  
 us," said Dr. Callison. "But  
 with this (hospital's closing) we  
 think we can restore the teach-  
 ing program almost to where  
 it was."

"This (hospital's closing)  
 certainly doesn't mean the em-  
 ployment program was a fail-  
 ure," said Mr. Horton, who  
 ordered a crash program to  
 hire 300 nurses and skilled  
 workers last week. "It means  
 we can concentrate our medi-  
 cal services in one unit."

He declined to say how  
 many of the 300 persons had  
 been hired.

Mr. Horton also said the  
 safety of nonstriking hospital  
 employees was a consideration  
 in the closing. Picketing this  
 week by striking members  
 of the American Federation of  
 State, County and Municipal  
 Employees (AFSCME) has been  
 marked by arrests during pick-  
 et line strikes.

J. B. Trotter, international  
 field representative for the  
 union yesterday called the hos-  
 pital closing order an attempt  
 to evade the strikers. "They  
 (city officials) are trying to  
 isolate a condition rather than  
 the cause of the strike."

To be shifted are about 85  
 employees from Crump and 140  
 from Ewald. Dr. Callison said  
 they would be transferred as  
 units, rather than be integrat-  
 ed individually into Gaston's  
 operation to make the moves  
 more palatable to nurses and  
 patients who want to remain  
 together in the new quarters.

Ewald has about 40 patients  
 and Crump about 70, said Dr.  
 Callison, and as many of these  
 as possible will be discharged.

About 50 Negroes gathered  
 at Methodist Hospital's park-  
 ing lot yesterday afternoon  
 and passed out handbills.  
 "We're not advocating a  
 strike," said C. B. Smith,  
 AFSCME organizer. "All  
 we're showing is what we're  
 asking for—more money, bet-  
 ter working conditions and rec-  
 ognition of the union (by Meth-  
 odist Hospital)."

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## Witnesses to Ray Voices in Ray Case

By ART PETACQUE  
 The Commercial Appeal Staff  
 Daily News Service

**CHICAGO, Oct. 24.** — The  
 United States Justice Depart-  
 ment is using tape recordings  
 of voices of James Earl Ray's  
 acquaintances to determine  
 whether they contacted him by  
 telephone or other means  
 while he worked at a Win-  
 netka, Ill., restaurant or else-  
 where, it was learned Thurs-  
 day.

The disclosure came from  
 Harvey Klingeman, who for 25  
 years has operated Indian  
 Hall Restaurant in Winnetka,  
 a Chicago suburb. Ray, ac-  
 cused of murdering the Rev.  
 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.,  
 worked at the restaurant in  
 1967.

Klingeman's wife was asked  
 about phone calls made to the  
 restaurant for Ray during the  
 period of June 24, 1967, period  
 when he worked at a dish-  
 washer and kitchen helper,  
 Klingeman said.

Mrs. Klingeman also was  
 asked about persons who went  
 to the back door of the restau-  
 rant while Ray was working,  
 and waited to talk to him out-  
 side, the restaurant said.

Klingeman said that because  
 of the time that had elapsed,  
 his wife wasn't able to be of  
 much help to the Federal Bu-  
 reau of Investigation agents  
 who interrogated her.

At the time Ray worked at  
 the restaurant, he was a fugi-  
 tive from justice because of  
 his escape from the Missouri  
 State Prison.

He was living in Chicago and  
 commuting most of the way to  
 Winnetka by the Chicago  
 Transit Authority elevated sys-  
 tem, Klingeman said.

Klingeman said FBI agents  
 did not disclose the identity of  
 the voices on the tapes. He  
 speculated, however, that they  
 were those of relatives or other  
 persons who might have been  
 involved with Ray at some time

prior to the murder of Dr.  
 King in Memphis April 4.

Klingeman said visitors in-  
 terrupted Ray at work on at  
 least two occasions that he  
 could recall. He did not see the  
 officers, Klingeman reported,  
 adding that none of the current  
 employees did either.

The whereabouts of Ray  
 during this time in his life  
 came to light when William  
 Bradford Huie, an author Ray  
 hired to write his life story,  
 went to the restaurant last  
 August to interrogate the  
 Klingemans about the employe  
 they knew as John L. Payne.

After that visit, the Klinge-  
 mans went to the Winnetka po-  
 lice and told them of the writ-  
 er's visit.

One of the reasons given by  
 Huie in pursuing the restau-  
 rant period in Ray's life was  
 his desire to knock down sto-  
 ries that linked him with pros-  
 titutes and cast a bad light on  
 his habits.