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Clark Tells Court 8 Police Escaped Indictment in 1968

CHICAGO—Former Attorney General Ramsey Clark said the grand jury that indicted the Chicago Seven also voted to indict eight policemen in connection with the 1968 Democratic National Convention week riots but its foreman refused to sign the indictments.

Clark also testified that U.S. District Court Chief Judge William Campbell ordered the grand jury investigation of the disorders despite Clark's instructions that "we would not begin with a grand jury."

Clark's testimony, given at the contempt trial of five of the Chicago Seven and their two original trial lawyers, brought objections from government prosecutors that it was irrelevant to the contempt proceedings.

At the 1969-70 trial of the seven antiwar protesters, U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman refused to permit Clark to testify before the jury, ruling that he had "nothing relevant" to say.