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THE NEW YORK TIMES, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20,

F. B. I. Chief Demotes Aide in Los Angeles For Recording Calls

F. B. I. office, a post he has held for the last eight years, had been suspended for 30 days for having equipped his office with electronic devices to record telephone and other conversations.

Mr. Gray was traveling to Kansas City to visit the F. B. I. office there.

Mr. Gray suspended Mr. Grapp originally on Aug. 25 because he had countermanded an order that agents be permitted to grow mustaches, to allow longer hair, and to abandon the white shirts for a second time and demoted to the Minneapolis office.

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Mr. Grapp was not available for comment. His whereabouts were not known. He has not yet reported for duty in El Paso.

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Tokyo Counts Police Boxes
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