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**WIRE TAP EVIDENCE**

**IN U.S. CASE BARRED**

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DETROIT, Sept. 18—A United States District judge here ruled Monday that wiretap evidence in a huge gambling case was inadmissible because officials in the Department of Justice had sought authorization improperly for the wiretap.

Judge Fred W. Kaess said that some officials had signed other officials' names on a request to a District judge for permission to place the taps inside a Detroit bar that was eventually raided along with

with places in 36 other Michigan cities on May 6, 1971.

The raids, involving about 400 agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, were the largest set of coordinated raids in the bureau's history, the F.B.I. said at the time.

Sources in the Justice Department in Detroit said that Judge Kaess's decision would be appealed but that if it were upheld, the cases against the 151 defendants would be ended.

Judge Kaess based his ruling on sworn statements from Justice Department officials designated to authorize wiretap requests who said they had neither authorized the requests nor seen the applications for the wiretaps.