



(S) Letter to the Editor: Voice ID -- Even Without the Voice?

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(S) Here's a comment on the article ["Technology That Identifies People by the Sound of Their Voices"](#):

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(S) I don't know how effective automatic voice ID will become, but here's a story showing what old-fashioned voice identification by linguists can do:

(C) A linguist colleague of mine once informed his supervisor that their target (I'll call him Terrorist X) had made a phone call to his accomplice, but the accomplice didn't answer.

(C) The supervisor said, "If nobody answered, how do you know it was Terrorist X that was calling?"

My colleague answered, "While the phone was ringing, he cleared his throat."

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