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Release of Patriarca Tapes Refused by Appeals Court

PROVIDENCE, R.I., July 30 (AP) — A Federal appeals court has ruled that tapes made illegally by the Federal Bureau of Investigation of conversations of Raymond L.S. Patriarca, the reputed leader of the New England underworld, could not be released for publication because it would violate Mr. Patriarca's privacy.

Attorneys for both the Government and Mr. Patriarca praised the decision by the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, but a lawyer for the Providence Journal Company, which had sought access to the 7,000 pages of transcripts, said the newspaper was disappointed and might appeal. The company publishes the morning Providence Journal and the Evening Bulletin.

The appeals court overturned Federal District Judge Raymond J. Pettine's ruling of last October that ordered the F.B.I. to give the material to the newspaper because the public had a right to have access to it.

Mr. Patriarca was placed under electronic surveillance by the F.B.I. from 1962 to 1965. The bureau later acknowledged the listening devices in his office had been placed there illegally.