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All Wiretaps Sought In '71 Pass Court

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State and federal judges granted all 816 wiretapping applications submitted to them last year by prosecutors, according to a report to Congress on court-approved wiretapping.

Together, New York and New Jersey accounted for 83 per cent of the eavesdropping reported by state officials. Nationwide, there was a 37 per cent increase over 1970.

Wiretapping, with judicial supervision, is permitted federally and by 20 states. However, in Connecticut, Nebraska, New Hampshire, Oregon, South Dakota and Washington, the wiretapping authority was not used.

Gambling was the major reason given for seeking permission to wiretap. It was the stated purpose in 570 applications. Second was dangerous drugs, mentioned 126 times.