Coast Bugging Is Linked To Aide in House Inquiry

By DENNY WALSH

The Federal Bureau of Inves- which has been accused by Mr. tigation and the District At-Steiger of having close ties to torney's office in San Diego organized crime. The House County in California are inves- committee held hearings on tigating charges that a top as- Emprise during May, June and sistant to Representative Sam July of last year. The commit-Steiger, Republican of Arizona, tee is scheduled to vote today planted an illegal listening on its final report.

device in a wall of a San Diego Sources close to the case said hotel as part of an investiga- that there was a clear violation tion being conducted by the of California law, which pro-House Select Committee on hibits the interception of oral Crime, of which Mr. Steiger is communications without the a member.

would comment on the investigations, but sources with firsthand knowledge of the matter told The New York Times of the investigations.

The investigations of Representative Steiger and his aide come at a time when the Government's use of electronic surveillance is of paramount concern to the courts, Congress and the public.

Action Termed Legal

Mike A. Jarvis, the administrative assistant who runs Mr. Steiger's office in Phoenix, Ariz., has confirmed reports that he placed a microphone in a San Diego hotel wall two years ago in an attempt to record surreptitiously a conversation between two other persons.

Mr. Steiger said yesterday that he "may have known about the plan to plant the mike" before it was installed, and that he was certain his spirator. assistant told him what he had spirator. done after the device was plant-munications does not violate done after the device was path munications does not violate ed. He insisted that the action was legitimate and warranted because of the nature of the to the conversation consented to the eavesdropping, the investigation.

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Associated Press Sam Steiger of Arizona, crime panel member.

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In a telephone interview, Mr. Jarvis said he had informed fone only after he had returned for the late Louis M. Jacobs when he was president of Emprise. The other man is Hal F. Nunn, who was associated with Emprise in the interensixties in the operation of an Arizona in the operation of an Arizona Mr. Nunn has told the aut-surveillance.
Miter Mr. Steiger of what he had returned the set tapes for the late Louis M. Jacobs when he was president of Emprise in the operation of an Arizona in the did not believe Mr. Jarvis would take part in such in the operation.

covert electronic surveillance, however, he would be subject to Federal prosecution, the sources added. Again Mr. Steiger could be charged with conspiracy if it were established that he was active in planning the eaves-dropping. Mr. Jarvis said he attempted to record a conversation in July, 1971, between two men with previous connections to in during two hours of taping n the room next to the one where the two were talking. One of the men is Rohert n

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sources close to the case. Mr. Nunn has told the authorities, the sources said, that Mr. Jarvis arrived in San Diego with a considerable amount of sophisticated electronic gear.

The taped telephone conver-sations between Mr. Steiger, Mr. Nunn and Mr. Jarvis clear-Mr. Num and Mr. Jarvis clean-ly show a knowledge on the part of Mr. Jarvis and Mr. Steiger that Mr. Leacy was to be in San Diego at the same time as Mr. Jarvis, and that Mr. Leacy's presence there was the impetus for Mr. Jarvis's trip, according to sources who have listened to the tapes.

One of the sources said that, in one of the taped conversations, Mr. Steiger told Mr. Nunn that Mr. Jarvis was bringing "the equipment."

Violation of the Federal law

carries a penalty, upon convic-tion, of up to five years in prison.

prison. According to Mr. Steiger, if Mr. Jarvis did not carry so-phisticated electronic equip-ment from Arizona to Califor-nia, it was because he didn't have it. "It was not done to beat the [Federal] statute," Mr. Steiger said. "If he had had the equip-ment, he would have taken it with him."

Banned From Racing

Mr. Nunn was in charge of an Arizona race track at a time in the nineteen-sixties when the track failed to meet a num-ber of its financial obligations to horsemen, the state of Ari-zona and vendors the track had one husiness with As a re-

zona and vendors the track had done business with. As a re-sult, Mr. Nunn was banned from racing in the state by the Arizona Racing Commission. Mr. Steiger said that after he became interested in Em-prise in 1970, Mr. Nunn ap-proached him and offered in-formation about Emprise in re-turn for the Representative's in-Racing Commission to get Mr.

turn for the Representative's in-Racing Commission to get Mr. Nunn reinstated n the state. Mr. Steiger said he told Mr. Nunn he would do what he could on his behalf with the commission, but that he did not promise success. According to sources close to the investigations, Mr. Nunn told the authorities he was angry with Mr. Steiger because he promised reinstatement, but it never materialized.
