Device at Hill Hearing: 'Bug' or News Transmitter?

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hearing room of the House vice. Foreign Affairs Committee.

left behind.

table used by the press when covering committee hearings. It was first thought to be a "bellboy" p ag in g de vice brought into the room by someone accompanying Secre-tary of State William P. Rog-ers. who testified before the 8. Later it was discovered to be a "sophisticated transmit-ter with self-contained micro-phones and batteries" and was turned over to the F.B.I for intable used by the press when law under which seven men He said such a transmitter

top of the table where a staff Hussein of Jordan. member found it.

sources say it was strapped around a table and chatted beneath the table. FBI sources informally for a few minutes, A "sophisticated transmitter" would say only that no tape a committee source said.

has been found in the main marks were found on the de- He did not know whether the conversation was of a sen-An FBI spokesman refused sitive nature.

The device, not quite the to say whether the device was An authority in the techni-All althority in the techni-size of a cigarette pack, may have been intended as a "bug." Or it may simply be a pocket transmitter that a broadcaster left behind. left behind. The device was discovered Monday morning lying on a table used by the press when table used by the press when

device was attached to the un hearings last Thursday on the tangular metal box about 4 derside of the table and was Vietnam peace agreement, the jostled loose by a member of hearing room was used briefly the cleaning crew who then last Wednesday night by some to be a State Department pag-

a member of the committee, then went into the room with said he had been informed the his security men and some device was taped underneath members of the committee. the table. Other committee The members and the king sat hearing were also informed.

turned over to the F.B.I. for in-vestigation. Committee sources say the Regers' testimony in open

picked it up and placed it on committee members and King ing device, Morgan said, "its discovery was called to the ember found it. Rep. H. R. Gross (R-Iowa), a reception across the hall and Relations Office" of the de-