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INDIANAPOLIS—Offices of Sen. Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) were allegedly bugged before the 1970 election by persons trying to gain information his contributors, the Indianapolis Star said.

The Star quoted unidentified sources who said three men posing as telephone repairmen planted the listening devices in August and September of 1970.

The copyrighted story said the sources were persons who are presently or formerly associated with International Investigators, Inc., an Indianapolis-based private detective agency.

The newspaper said its investigation of alleged political "dirty tricks" also disclosed that a listening device was hidden in a plastic plant during a 1970 meeting of Hartke's financial chairmen.

Hartke was quoted as saying he remembered problems with information leaks prior to the 1970 election.

The listening devices, some hidden under desks, were described as small transmitters with the ability to send conversations on special frequency FM radio bands.