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HOW TO TELL IF YOUR PHONE IS BUGGED

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President Johnson would like us to believe him again. This time he passed the Omnibus Crime Bill



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saying that the government would not engage in the increased wire-tapping that the new law permits. How can anyone believe that?

The Internal Revenue Service, the Attorney General's office, the FBI, and the CIA have wire-tapped even when the law did not permit them to do so. This is not a supposition; it is public record in many court cases over the last few years. Are these agencies, and all the others, going to stop when the law invites them to in-

vade privacy? Americans would have to be utter fools to accept that. (Parenthetically, the one good thing Establishment falsehoods accomplish is that they turn true believing fools into anti-establishment sceptics).

If a law is passed giving officials more power over the humans they rule, they are going to use that law. That's a reasonable starting point!

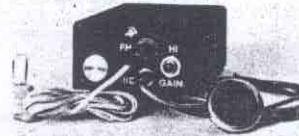
The next question, therefore, is: What can we do now that Big Brother is officially in the business of electronic snooping, preparing the FBI computer to spew forth all those bad social security numbers on The Day of The Camp? What do we do now that the Omnibus has arrived and we're about to be taken for a ride?

It seems to me that it's essential not to panic just as it's important not to passively take that ride. Electronic surveillance of a home or office may cost many thousands of dollars for a single installation. Most people won't be directly affected and those that are can make the privacy invasion singularly unprofitable for the snoopers.

Of course, in the film, "The President's Analyst," the phone company obviously has every single phone bugged. But since this

is a pluralistic capitalist country and not a movie set, a slight exaggeration is involved.

Unlike Europe, in the United States, a profitable public utility like the phone company is not nationalized; here we only nationalize the unprofitable ones like the post office. So the phone



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company and the government face each other as equals (one a little more equal than the other), and I suspect it will still take some time, and we will be able to observe the process, for government agents to operate with total bureaucratic abandon in the telephone exchanges. They don't yet.

Not riding the Omnibus passively requires that we acquire some technical education about electronic surveillance and counter-surveillance. Anti-bugging, anti-snooping, anti-finking, anti-duping. The key word is: Privacy. And, surprisingly, we're going to discover that there are simple answers to the snooping devices and that the best are the human head, the human heart and the closed human mouth.

Our information for this ar-

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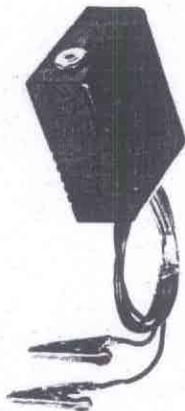
ticle comes, primarily, from a booklet titled, "How to avoid electronic eavesdropping and privacy invasion," available in its valuable totality for \$2.98 from Investigator's Information Service, 806 So. Robertson Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. 90035.

Investigator's Information Service also sells an "Investigator's Manual of Electronic Surveillance Methods and Devices" for \$12.50. This volume is larger, more complete, a veritable spy and espionage course. It points out that "a counter-measures technician becomes an expert only when he is able to put himself in the position of the person who is making the bug installations."

ISS also has a catalog of police and investigation equipment devices, giving specifications and prices for items they sell, including the de-bugging devices that we're going to mention. I suggest you send them 25¢ if you want this catalog.

(Incidentally, ISS no longer sells wire-tapping equipment because of a new California law forbidding such sales to private citizens. They continue to sell de-bugging equipment and information).

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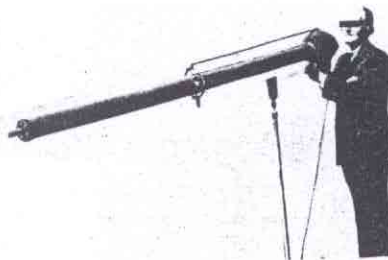


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There are two basic categories of bugging equipment: wired devices, which include hidden microphones, secret tape recorders and telephone tapes; and wireless devices, which include miniature radio transmitters, sound conduction equipment and exotic items like the "shotgun" and parabolic microphones. Detecting these two categories requires different approaches.

(Now this is obviously going to get technical in spots. Don't despair. Keep slogging along. We'll spice it up here and there with little bits of non-technical stuff that you will surely not want to miss. For example, did you know that at the time of the Sunset Strip ruckus a year and a half ago a police surveillance transmitter was allegedly found by visual inspection in Albert Mitchell's office in the Fifth Estate Coffee House, when that was one of the prime centers for the organization of youth demonstrations. We have heard that the police never asked for their bug back and that now it is a pick-up in a guitar amplifier. Mitchell never knew about this bug, as it was appropriated immediately by a well-known Chicago folk-singer).

Wired eavesdropping devices include any equipment utilizing a microphone physically connected by a wire to the actual monitoring device. This type of equipment is often easier to locate, defeat and destroy precisely because of the connecting wires.



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Microphones can be hidden in electrical fixtures such as lamps, wall sockets, ceiling fixtures, or even radios, television sets, record players, and almost any kind of electrical equipment including appliances. Other good hiding places include: embedded in the wall and covered with putty, taped into desks, sofas, bookcases, hat

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