

Las Vegas Wiretapping Is Disclaimed by IRS

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RENO, Nev., July 2 (UPI) Internal Revenue Service agents said yesterday they didn't know the FBI had "bugged" an office telephone at the Desert Inn Hotel-Casino on the Las Vegas strip.

An FBI agent testified in Federal court at Denver this week the wiretap occurred in 1962. The testimony came during a post-trial hearing involving the extortion conspiracy conviction of Ruby Kolod, a major stockholder in the casino.

"We were interested in the amount of money skimmed, who the recipients were, and where the money went," FBI agent R. Burns Toolson said. Skimming is a term for gambling winnings which are not reported for tax purposes.

IRS seemingly would be most interested in obtaining information about skimming, but IRS officials disclaimed any connection with the wiretap.

"My office received no in-

formation from that source," said Dalmon Davis, district IRS director.

Daniel Smith, Davis's chief intelligence agent, said he knows "absolutely nothing" about the wiretap.