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**It's All Bad News
For German Snoops**

BONN (UPI) — Inquisitive Germans who want to know what the neighbor's wife said will have to rely on their ears alone, the federal Postal Ministry has ruled.

The Ministry was commenting on reports that a manufacturer has taken thousands of orders for sensitive microphones that can be placed against a wall to pick up conversations on the other side.

Anyone who privately installs and uses listening devices is liable to prosecution for invasion of privacy, the Ministry said; only the post office may license and install such equipment.