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3 Sentenced To Year Each In 'Bug' Case

U.S. District Court Judge Edward A. Tamm yesterday sentenced three private detectives to one year in prison and a \$500 fine each on their convictions for participating in the bugging of a lawyer's May tower suite.

The trio are Oliver W. Angione, 4753 MacArthur Blvd. N.W.; John W. Leon, 9517 Justice Dr., Falls Church; and John J. Frank, 7608 Columbia Pike, Fairfax.

This was the first case involving industrial espionage in any Federal Court. The convictions stemmed from the discovery of a small FM transmitter found hidden in a lawyer's suite in April, 1962. The lawyer was using the suite for business meetings in connection with a \$160-million pipeline franchise application to the Federal Power Commission.

The three were convicted and sentenced for committing three misdemeanor violations of the Federal Communications Act.

Defense Attorney Edward Carey told Judge Tamm that the three defendants had suffered personally from having to wait a year to go on trial, from losing their clients and from having difficulty supporting their families.

The Government prosecutor, Assistant United States Attorney Harold J. Sullivan, made no recommendation. Judge Tamm released all three men on \$2000 bond each pending appeal. Notice of appeal for the three men was filed later in the day.