

Clark Says U.S. Wiretaps Are Restricted to 38 Cases

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Attorney General Ramsey Clark said yesterday that the Justice Department has

tightened its procedures for approval of wiretaps, requiring his written consent in each individual case.

Clark said he believes wiretapping is justified in only one area—"national security where there is a direct threat to the security of this Nation."

"It is my judgment today that there are 38 wiretaps, and that all of these are in the national security area," he said.

Clark was interviewed on "Face the Nation" (CBS, WTOP)

Asked about allegations by New Orleans District Attorney James Garrison that the assassination of President Kennedy was the result of a plot, Clark said:

"Until there is evidence to the contrary, I will stand with the Warren Commission."

Clark, asked about the various conspiracy reports, that have been made public, said, "There have been studies of these matters. We have nothing that indicates any evidence of a conspiracy, and we stand on that on the basis of our investigation."

Clark said "there was a comprehensive investigation by



ATTY. GEN. CLARK
... defines wiretapping use

the FBI (for the Warren Commission) involving these New Orleans allegations and much, in fact most, of those reports have been made public and they support the conclusion of the FBI that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone."

Turning to allegations of misconduct in office by Adam Clayton Powell, currently barred by the House of Representatives from taking a seat in Congress, Clark said the Justice Department has not yet made any final determination in the case.

He said the Department prefers to wait, if possible, "for the Congress to conclude its efforts first."