

Dear Rod,

What I received from Mike is a transmitting bug for room conversations rather than a tapping device. This does not prove anything about its origin, of course. An electronics expert (not on bugging) was here yesterday. He opened it. It is hinged and has a latch. There is a hole in the relatively heavy brass case, apparently for a mike, but I suppose it could be for tuning, by adjusting a screw. What is called an inductance is visible. All the miniature electronic pieces are encased in a cloudy ~~plastic~~ plastic. We have done nothing but open the hinged lid, after which I closed it.

If this is taken apart I think pictures should be taken as it is done.

As of now I do not believe that Mike is not for real or off the wall. However, if there is later reason to suspect this, good pix of the bug could be valuable. Sometimes experts can recognize the work of others.

I find myself wondering if this kind of device was used a) to last and b) to avoid having comprehensible sound go over the phone company's equipment, where others might pick it up.

As of now I have only Mike's word but I find this interesting. Whatever it means.

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