Boggs Tells House of Tap on Phone

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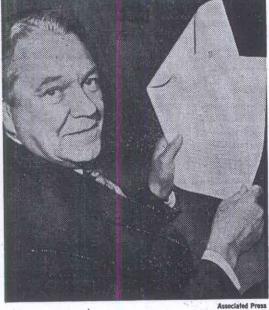
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WASHINGTON, April 22— Representative Hale Boggs, de-fending his charge that the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been tapping the tele-phones of members of Con-gress, told the House today that the telephone line of his private home was tapped in 1970.

In an hour-long speech in which he said that the F.B.I. was engaged in a campaign of fear and intimidation against members of Congress, the House Democratic leader suggested that an electronic surveillance device had been used at the home of Senator Charles H. Percy, Republican of Illinois, and that a listening device had been placed in the office of for-mer Senator Wayne Morse, an independent of Oregon.

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A spokesman for the Chesa-peake & Potomac Telephone Company said that two repre-sentatives of the company had checked Mr. Boggs's telephone last August at his request, but found no wiretapping or any evidence that there had been previous tapping.

The spokesman, Fred Lang-bein, also said that Mr. Boggs "appears to have a misunder standing of our policy."