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## U.S. Admits Bugging in Draft Case

The Government has admitted that conversations of black militant Cleveland Sellers were monitored and has asked the Supreme Court to order a new hearing for Sellers on draft evasion charges.

Solicitor General Erwin Griswold, who requested Tuesday that a 1968 conviction be vacated and the case returned to district court in Atlanta, said his motion was based on the Supreme Court's ruling in the Cassius Clay case.

In that case, which revealed that Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s phone had been tapped, the Court held that trial courts should consider whether wiretap information had influenced the prosecution's actions.

Griswold said Sellers himself had not been the subject of an electronic surveillance, but that "he did participate in conversations that were monitored during the course of two electronic surveillances."

The Justice Department declined yesterday to explain the purposes of the wiretaps or to reveal the persons under surveillance.