

New Probe in 'Nixon Tap' Case

Las Vegas

The Justice Department revealed yesterday it will investigate the possibility that telephone conversations between President Donald Nixon and a former Howard Hughes aide were tapped.

The result of the investigation could establish whether or not President Nixon had knowledge of the tapping, which would be a violation of the Espionage Act, the Justice Department said.

However, it could also establish whether or not the tapping was done by a former Hughes aide, which would be a violation of the Espionage Act, the Justice Department said.

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Major Attorney General John Edgar Hoover said he has ordered the Justice Department to investigate the possibility that telephone conversations between President Nixon and a former Howard Hughes aide were tapped.

Hoover said the investigation would determine whether or not the tapping was done by a former Hughes aide, which would be a violation of the Espionage Act, the Justice Department said.

"I can't say whether or not the tapping was done by a former Hughes aide, but I can say that the Justice Department is investigating the possibility that it was," Hoover said.

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Nixon and Hoover have both said they are confident the Justice Department will complete its investigation of the tapping.

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