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Dear Jim,

This reminder in case you are able to nudge Bud.

Off and on for a long time he has been saying he would have Ken come up here and make an electronic sweep. The last time you were with him, when I mentioned the pinpoint accuracy with which my WC stuff was taken.

Thursday. I think when you were not with us, I mentioned this to Ken. He agrees with me that the probability is that if my phone is tapped it is at the main switchboard, here completely automated and unmanned. However, if otherwise it will not be hard to make an internal check.

Ken says the possibility of a bug is higher and the possibility of locating it is higher.

He says he can do it. He seems to be willing. Bud had the idea a number of times on his own. But he has done ~~nothing~~ nothing about it.

While it doesn't really mean that much to me, I think it would be a good idea. If one turns up it could be of obvious usefulness.

If you can see an opportunity to effectuate this, would you please use it?

There has been one major change here. I used to have one of my old Concord reel-to-reel tape recorders, which had a voice-actuation setting, near the phone in my office. Several months ago - gave them to a student.

I never used the voice-actuated setting on these machines after I made my original notes on the Report, or not since the end of 1964. Several times I found that after an absence this machine had been turned to that setting. I do mean turned. It was not a question of pushing a button by accident. It meant twisting a knob that did not twist easily, a control I never had any occasion to touch or even get near in using the machine, which I never moved. Aside from removing and replacing tapes, the only control I ever used on that machine when I was using it was the record or playback part. Quite separate. no chance of confusing.

I had not used these machines for perhaps two years. One was in a closet, the other where you may recall, near the phone.

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