

Further on bugging/tapping: The White decision, Je's 1/27/74

I think the distinction is what can be done by an agent rather than by an unconnected, unofficial individual. I am familiar with the decision. It was followed by the Garrison indictment, you may remember, because it also obviated the need of a live witness, Gervais. It always had been legal for an individual to tap his own phone, but FCC demanded a beep. Most radio stations no longer use a beeper. Not those I hear, anyway. I do not know what eliminates the need for a beeper but I do know that the postal inspectors told me that my recording of my own phone conversations was both legal and admissible as evidence. There appears to be a distinction for individuals in using the peoples' air. The private use of broadcasting devices in bugging seems to be illegal.

I wonder if considerations of legality would enter the Glorious Mind. I think not.

While I do not claim certainty, I am inclined to favor correlation with perceived need or merely the whim of a troubled mind obsessed with the urgency of feeling important and persuading others of that importance.

If STM(W) has any other sharp-eyed correlations, they could be most helpful. All we can do is suppose there is a reason for the introduction of the spy system. Once we suppose that there was, it is important to try to figure out what it was.

Your previous memo shows the odd coincidence of GL repeating the same time for the beginning and twice being corrected. Something unwelcome seems to have been on The Glorious Mind. Unfortunately, it, he and his can't be addressed on the basis of logic.

Nor, necessarily, on the basis of what they say. HW 1/31/2/1/74