

Ex-Bell System Aide Said to Help Taps

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The White House wiretappers who bugged the telephone of columnist Joseph Kraft in late 1969 used classified technical information supplied them by a former Bell System official, John Dean said in his Senate testimony yesterday.

Dean said he was told that the "pair numbers"—a code needed to identify one particular line in a cable that may carry 2,000—for Kraft's telephone were provided by John S. Davies of the White House staff, who had spent 28 years with Bell and worked on communications

for three of Richard M. Nixon's political campaign.

Officials of Bell's Washington affiliate, the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co., say that their policy bars release of "pair numbers" except by court order or upon receipt of a written request citing national security considerations from either the Attorney General or the director of the FBI.

There was no such order or request, the FBI subsequently told Kraft.

In his testimony to the Senate Watergate committee, Dean said he was told about the tapping of Kraft's phone by John J. Caulfield, a former New York police

investigator and security consultant who also worked in the White House.

"Caulfield told me (the wiretap) was performed by Mr. (Anthony) Ulasewicz, Mr. John Ragan (sic) and himself," Dean said in his prepared testimony.

Ulasewicz has been identified in testimony as having conducted various covert operations for the White House. John Ragan was a security consultant for the Nixon campaign in 1968 and then for the Republican National Committee. He left the payroll in late 1971 and could not be reached for comment yesterday.

Davies, who could not be reached either, was described by Jules Witcover in a book on Mr. Nixon as "a large, mild-mannered, amiable gentleman of unobtrusive political views."

Kraft has reported that his home in Georgetown was broken into twice by the wiretappers.

Dean did not confirm this in his testimony, which suggests instead that no actual breaking and entering took place. A technician with the classified "pair numbers" of a telephone can tap it from a cable at some distance away.