

F.B.I. SAID TO BUG A HOUSE MEMBER [Rep. John Dowdy]

Agents Reportedly Sent Man Wearing Hidden Recorder
to Office at the Capitol

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Washington, April 15 - The Supreme Court ruled last week
that the police and Federal agents do not need a warrant when they
wire an informer for sound so that he records conversations with
suspects.

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[Story does not say when the bugging took place but it was before
the Supreme Court ruling "last week," since Mr. Dowdy was indicted
March 30. The story does say, "In the Dowdy case [the local
United States Attorney, Stephen H. Sachs] sought and obtained a
court order from [Federal District Judge Roszel C. Thomsen]
authorizing the eavesdropping, presumably to make sure of his
legal ground."]