

Devices for Eavesdropping Called Threat to Freedom

VANCOUVER, British Columbia (Canadian Press)—Electronic eavesdropping devices pose a serious threat to freedom and privacy, warns a behavioral scientist at Simon Fraser University.

The scientist, Dr. W. B. McDermott, says a sonic telescope that can record conversations at a distance of 34 miles is now on the market, and a satellite camera-voice transmitter is being developed.

The satellite camera is said to be capable of hovering outside a 20-story window and recording conversations and photographing documents lying exposed on a desk.

Dr. McDermott said that even a plastic credit card could be turned into a precise recorder of a man's actions during the day.