

From story by William Beecher on year-end review by Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird:

Other ppints covered by the Secretary ... included the following:

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Military investigations of civilians in connection with concern about urban riots "could more properly be performed by the Justice Department" rather than Army Intelligence agents. But he conceded, without providing any details, that in national security cases military sleuths had engaged in wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping "under terms presécribed" by Congress and the Attorney General.

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