

U.S. Maps Appeal of Ruling That Overturns Wiretapping

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PHILADELPHIA, June 2 (AP) —The Federal Government is preparing to appeal a judge's ruling that the 1968 Federal wiretap law is unconstitutional, United States Attorney Carl J. Melone said today.

"We think we are on pretty firm ground," Mr. Melone said in a telephone interview, "and that gives us justification to seek authority to file an appeal."

The ruling was handed down yesterday by Judge Joseph S. Lord 3d in United States District Court, who said the law was "unconstitutional on its face" because it violates the Fourth Amendment prohibition against illegal searches and intrusions.