

More Wiretaps, Kleindienst Vows

Philadelphia [AP] - Richard G. Kleindienst, confirmed Thursday [8 Jun] as United States Attorney General after lengthy Senate hearings, said yesterday that wiretapping "is a legitimate, constitutional means to root out organized crime" and he vowed to keep using it.

"This will be done while this President (Richard Nixon) is President and while I am attorney general," Kleindienst told the Philadelphia chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

In recent decisions, federal judges have differed over the legality of electronic surveillance.

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"Wiretapping is necessary to fight crime," Kleindienst said. "It is the only way to get evidence to convict."

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Kleindienst will be sworn in Monday [12 Jun] in the White House four months after he was nominated by Mr. Nixon to head the Justice Department.