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**FBI Probe
 Of a 'Bug'
 In Capitol**

Washington

The FBI is investigating whether whoever left behind a tiny transmitter was really trying to bug the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The committee's people doubt it. The FBI isn't talking.

Chairman Thomas E. Morgan (Dem. Pa.) said yesterday the "sophisticated transmitter with self-contained microphone and batteries" the size of a pack of cigarettes was found lying openly on top of a table in the committee's main hearing room Monday morning.

HIDDEN

A staff member said the gray metallic transmitter had no tape or other evidence of having once been hidden under a table or chair when an aide walked past the table Monday and saw it lying there.

But he said the entire investigation had been turned over to the FBI and he could not be sure a janitor, for example, had not jostled it from a hiding place and put it on the table.

The committee said the only closed Foreign Affairs Committee meeting scheduled so far is an organizational one next Tuesday — although it said some Nixon

administration officials may brief the committee in closed sessions later.

ROGERS

Chairman Morgan's statement said the committee at first assumed the device was a "bellboy" left behind by one of the officials accompanying Secretary of State William P. Rogers in the hearing room last Thursday.

Morgan said he turned the investigation over to the FBI when the State Department looked the device over and said it was not a "bellboy" used to call people to telephones, but an electronic transmitter.

Morgan said the FBI spent all day Wednesday inspecting the Foreign Affairs Committee's rooms but found no bugging devices.

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