

# GI Says He'll Tell Of Taps Abroad

Kaiserslautern,  
Germany

A U.S. Army intelligence specialist said yesterday he is willing to testify before Senate investigators that Army agents have illegally taped phones and spied on civilians in West Germany.

"I believe that U.S. Military Intelligence is out of control here in Germany and somebody has got to stop them," said Specialist Fourth Class John Michael McDougal, 23, of Borger, Texas, a clerk and language specialist with the 527th Military Intelligence Battalion.

At a news conference McDougal gave partial details of what he said were illegal U.S. intelligence activities and added, "I am prepared to talk about these activities before an appropriate body such as a U.S. Senate investigating committee."

## LEAKS

The soldier said he was the source of some of the leaks to newsmen on alleged illegal wiretapping that last week provoked an investigation by the West German government.

The Germans' official report denied any illegal wiretapping by American agents, but confirmed that West German agents had tapped the phones of sus-

pected anti-Army groups at American request.

A U.S. Army spokesman at the Army's Heidelberg headquarters said he had not seen a copy of McDougal's statement and declined to comment on it.

"I am here today to state that I have in the recent past disclosed information concerning Military Intelligence in Germany to the press in order to expose to the American people Military Intelligence's immoral and illegal activities," McDougal said.

## DOCUMENTS

He said he had begun leaking his information because "I had been asked to destroy documents that were evidence of illegal wiretaps of telephone conversations of my (former) attorney Howard Denike, of the Lawyers Military Defense Committee," Heidelberg-based group that has represented GIs in civil liberties cases. Denike has returned to the U.S.

"The transcripts of conversations I saw involved Denike while he was discussing the case of Private Larry Johnson, a black soldier who has refused to participate as a member of the U.S. Army in protest against U.S. government support of Portuguese military activities in Mozambique," McDougal said.

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