

**TELEPHONE OFFICIAL
TELLS OF WIRETAPS**

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP)—Between 50 and 100 national security wiretaps were operated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the Washington area as recently as last January, a local telephone company executive has estimated.

The estimate, by Earl A. Connor, staff supervisor of security for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, was made in a deposition in a civil lawsuit taken in January and filed last Friday in United States District Court.

Mr. Connor said that only in the last four years has the telephone company required a written confirmation of F.B.I. requests for wiretaps from the director of bureau.

The telephone company has responded to such requests made by telephone by F.B.I. officials, Mr. Connor said.

Mr. Connor was questioned

by attorneys for Morton Halperin, a former National Security Council aide, who is suing various former Government officials and the telephone company for invasion of privacy and violation of United States wiretapping statutes.

The suit grew out of an alleged national security wiretap placed on Mr. Halperin's residence in May, 1970.