

A Super-Secret Air

News-Leak Wiretaps Described

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(Story, very detailed, on how "national security" wiretaps are installed and monitored, and the great secrecy involved. Story is apparently based on deposition taken from Ernest H. Belter, in connection with suit by Morton Halperin, one of 17 government officials and newsmen whose telephones were tapped by the Nixon administration. Belter is a former FBI employee who from 1961 to 1973 personally installed nearly 90 per cent of all national security wiretaps in WX and supervised their monitoring.)

"Attorneys familiar with this and other litigation growing out of the Nixon-ordered wiretaps said the deposition by Belter is the most devastating testimony yet by a government official that the taps were not normal national security wiretaps."