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## **Congressman's Phone May Have Been Tapped**

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ROCKFORD, Ill., June 9  
—Rep. John B. Anderson  
says he believes his tele-  
phone may have been tap-  
ped at the time he fought

against a wish of the Nixon  
administration.

The Illinois Republican,  
who is chairman of the  
House Republican Confer-  
ence, told newsmen Friday  
the suspected phone tap at  
his Maryland home occurred  
in April, 1969, when "I was  
involved in some matters of  
dispute with the administra-  
tion."

He said the disputes con-  
cerned primarily "the exten-  
sion of the Voting Rights  
Act. (John) Mitchell (then  
the U.S. Attorney General)  
wanted that watered down,  
and I spoke against that,"  
he said.

"My wife and I have been  
highly suspicious of the  
number of times a telephone  
repair truck stopped outside  
our home," he said.

"Linemen, or persons who  
appeared to be linemen,  
would climb the telephone  
poles and appeared to be  
working with the lines," he  
said.

He said the suspected  
phone tap apparently ended  
"when my wife marched out  
to the men one day and  
asked, 'What are you doing?  
Are you bugging our  
telephone?'"

"He packed up his equip-  
ment without ever answer-  
ing her, left and that's been  
the last of it," he said.

Anderson said he had not  
previously spoken about the  
incident because "I did not  
wish to sensationalize it.

"In view of the type of  
mentality which apparently  
existed in the Justice De-  
partment at that time and  
looking back at that in-  
cident today, it does not at  
least seem implausible it  
happened."