## Laser Bug' in Nixon Office Reported

"apparently controlled by one of the (U.S.) intelligence agencies," and, unlike a tape system could identify every Hawthorne said he had as well as several separate si-|ice officials responsible for multaneous conversations. individual voice in the room checked with the Secret Serv-

such bugging and does not be-thorne said. the Secret Service knows of no have been

In an article written for the July issue of Penthouse, former foreign correspondent and the CIA officials knew "and the device was about it before it was re-

William Hawthorne, a Se-question, and that they were cret Service spokesman, said not aware of any such device, when asked for comment that "We don't believe it could the Oval Office at the time in "We don't believe it could Hawthorne said he

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Penthouse Magazine said

Yesterday that President Nix. on's Oval Office was secretly bugged before August, 1970, and that one or sophisticated laser beam transmitter hidden in the wall and concealed beneath a coat

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