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The new Attorney General speaks out Jay Levine
[phonetic] reports from Philadelphia.

Levine: Speaking before the Philadelphia Bar Association, Richard Kleindienst outlined his priorities as Attorney General. There were five, he said, including the need for enforcement of anti-trust and civil rights laws, the solving of drug and penology problems, and the need to stamp out organized crime. This final goal, he added, could not be accomplished without the use of electronic surveillance.

Kleindienst [voice]: I hope, that no matter what the future brings politically to this country, that there will be a continuation of the motivation and the desire to use this legitimate, constitutional, legal, due-process means by which we root out of our society the ravages of organized crime.

Levine: And Kleindienst said that in the last three years the 1,600 times courts authorized such surveillance had resulted in 700 indictments in organized crime cases. He hopes that good record will continue.

Jay [Gene?] Levine for CBS News in Philadelphia.

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On Thursday [8 Jun] Attorney General Richard Kleindienst said that the wiretap law passed by Congress in 1968 was not used until President Nixon took office. He said that since then the Justice Department has instituted 1,600 wiretaps of varying length and that 700 indictments resulted from the wiretaps. Later a spokesman for the Justice Department said that Mr. Kleindienst may have been mistaken. He said that there have only been 490 wiretaps allowed by federal courts and that they resulted in 2,140 arrests and 460 convictions.

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