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# 'Black Box' In Phone at Watergate

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In a new development in the Watergate bugging case, the FBI was summoned yesterday to Democratic national committee headquarters at the Watergate after telephone company employees discovered a foreign device inside the telephone of a party official.

The device, described as a "small black box" by Democratic communications director Blair Clark, was found inside the telephone of the same party official—Spencer Oliver—whose phone was reportedly tapped before five men were arrested in the Watergate on June 17.

Democratic Party officials said they could not determine if the device discovered yesterday represented a new bugging device installed since the June 17 arrests, or whether it was related to the previous eavesdropping attempt.

The "black box" was described as resembling a "listening device"—the term used for electronic equipment that picks up conversation in a room and transmits it elsewhere — not a wiretap. The latter is used for the direct interception of telephone conversations.

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