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Richard Kleindienst, nominated to be Attorney General, testifies at confirmation hearings before Senate Judiciary Committee.

"Kleindienst also renewed his support for use of electronic eavesdropping devices in cases involving national security.

"He testified that 'I will assume full responsibility' for every electronic surveillance instituted with a court order.

"Kleindienst said there are now 43 or 44 electronic surveillances underway. He said the number had actually declined recently.

"Kleindienst said there should be no distinction between a foreign or domestic threat to the national security. But he said the President should not make use of electronic devices 'to spy or snoop on people with different political philosophies.'

"Kleindienst said that no electronic eavesdropping devices would be 'authorized' without his signature. 'They will be used sparingly and reports will be made personally to me and I will assume full responsibility for each one,' Kleindienst said."