

# C&P Gave FBI More Than Asked

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The Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co. acknowledged yesterday that it had given the FBI three times as much information about a newspaper's telephone calls as the government agents had requested in a secret subpoena.

A spokesman confirmed that C&P furnished toll call records covering a 15-week period in 1971 although the government had sought only the records of a five-week span.

The records were of calls from the Washington bureau of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and from the home of its bureau chief, Richard Dudman. They were obtained as part of the government's investigation of publication of the Pentagon papers.

Agents called for records of calls from June 13 through July 15, 1971. They received records of calls between April 30 and Aug. 14.

C&P spokesman Fred Langbein said the company's policy, which is "undergoing a thorough re-examination," was to furnish an entire month's phone billing in response to government demands for part of that month, "rather than turn over excerpts from the month's bill."

Asked why any records for the month of May were furnished, Langbein replied, "We have to admit that this was a clerical oversight."

Post-Dispatch publisher Joseph Pulitzer Jr. protested the practices of both C&P and federal agents in a statement yesterday. "This is a clear-cut violation of our First Amendment rights to protect the identity of our news sources and to gather news without government surveillance," he said.

Pulitzer said he supported the efforts of the Washington-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press to obtain a court ruling requiring advance notice to telephone customers when government agents demand their telephone records.

Meanwhile, the Internal Revenue Service disclosed that telephone officials had furnished records of calls from the Bethesda home of David Rosenbaum of the Washington bureau of The New York Times covering a recent eight-month period in addition to calls from the bureau during that time span.