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Oval Office "bug," 1970 - WXP, AP and UPI report on an article by Tad Szulc, written for July issue of Penthouse Magazine. The account by WXP begins "Penthouse Magazine said [today] ... " which suggests these reports are based on an advance authorized by the magazine.

Szulc's article says a sophisticated laser [illegible] transmitter, hidden in a wall of the Oval Office and concealed beneath a [illegible], was removed in early Au 70. The device was "apparently controlled by one of the intelligence agencies," [illegible] was installed by a foreign-born painter employed by the government, whose name is known to Szulc. "Szulc said ... the device ..., unlike a tape system, could identify every individual voice in the room as well as several separate simultaneous conversations, [and] picked [illegible] those made over [illegible] lines." [illegible] was [illegible]

[illegible] WXP [illegible]

WXP [illegible] AP, "[illegible] UPI [illegible] in 1970 [and [illegible] removed in [illegible] 1970." The [illegible] suggests there was some knowledge [illegible] time the bug was in place.

Nixon, at press conference 22 Au 75, [illegible] had the WH "ta[illegible]" [illegible] it was "put in [illegible] 1970." [illegible] correction [illegible] Nixon press conference [illegible] cotes on Butterfield [illegible]

WXP 21 A[illegible] [illegible]
NYT 21 A[illegible] [illegible]
SFC 21 A[illegible] [illegible]