Devices for Eavesdropping Called Threat to Freedom

Called Threat to Freedom VANCOUVER, British Colum-bia (Canadian Press)—Electron-ic eavesdropping devices pose a serious threat to freedom and privacy, warns a behavorial sci-entist at Simon Fraser Univer-sity. The scientist, Dr. W. B. Mc-Dermott, says a sonic telescope that can record conversations at a distance of 34 miles is now on the market, and a satellite camera-voice transmit-ter is being developed. The satellite camera is said to be capable of hovering out-side a 20-story window and recording conversations and photographing documents lying exposed on a desk. Dr. McDermott said that even a plastic credit card could be turned into a precise recorder of a man's actions during the day.