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NEW YORK AP - Former U.S. Atty. Gen. Ramsey Clark said Sunday he was unaware of any instances of wiretapping of congressmen's telephones by the FBI.

He also said that some members of Congress believe their telephones are tapped and that in itself is harmful."

Interviewed by newsmen before addressing the New York chapter of the American Jewish Committee, Clark repeated his denial that he knew of military surveillance of civilians while he was attorney general.

"I had no knowledge that the military was spying on civilians," he said. "There was no authority for it and it shouldn't happen."

Clark, who has criticized the FBI and called for the resignation of its director, J. Edgar Hoover, said wiretapping "demeans human dignity" and is "an inefficient and ineffective means of law enforcement."

He added that "hundreds of thousands of Americans are very skeptical about the role of the FBI and its investigation activities."

At another point, he said he could think of no instances when military spying on American civilians "would be right. It is wrong and unacceptable."

Commenting on reported government documents purporting to show that Clark was involved in planning government surveillance of political dissidents while a Johnson administration official, he said, "I never saw any documents and I don't know what's in them."

In his speech, Clark said the country needed more political dissent, asserting: "There would have been no direct change in our Indochina policy if it hadn't been for dissent."

At the news conference, he said he "doubted" that he would be a presidential candidate but added: "You do what you have to do. We have real problems in this country."

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