

Bronx District Attorney's Office Gets 'Bug' Detection Equipment

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Electronic equipment to detect hidden recording devices has been purchased by the office of the Bronx District Attorney, following the discovery last summer of what was first believed to be a hidden "bug."

Though District Attorney Burton B. Roberts said he now is "almost positive it was a false alarm," key telephones and offices are being checked for hidden recording devices on a regular basis.

Other new security precautions ordered as a result of last summer's scare include the installation of special new locks and the adoption of a rule forbidding cleaning personnel to enter certain offices unless they are accompanied by a policeman.

Mr. Roberts said the increased concern about the problem of electronic espionage began last July when a detective assigned to his squad was adjusting some recording equipment in the office of Seymour Rotker, chief assistant district attorney in charge of the rackets bureau.

Lamp Examined

The District Attorney said the detective picked up static on his equipment, which led him to suspect there might be a recording device hidden in a sunken ceiling lamp. The lamp was taken down and examined and the immediate area dusted for fingerprints.

All the investigators found in the immediate area of the lamp was a small wire. No suspicious fingerprints were turned up.

However, the investigators were concerned that the wire might possibly be some kind of

aerial, the official said. Because of this concern, another investigative agency, which Mr. Roberts declined to identify, was called in.