

Says White House Scrutinized
Three National Security
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WASHINGTON (AP) — Attorney General John P. Saxbe said today that he authorized three national security wiretaps at the request of the White House after taking office last October.

He also told reporters at a breakfast meeting that he would investigate the procedure now required before such wiretaps were made.

Final orders for the much longer term, Mr. Saxbe said.

He declined to provide any additional information about the three new wiretaps except to confirm that they were of the kind that require only his approval and not a warrant issued by a judge.

Mr. Saxbe noted that there were three kinds of wiretaps: the national security type connected with activities of foreign governments, domestic wiretaps, which require approval from a judge, and the bugging of persons with the consent of one of the parties involved in a conversation.

Legislation Planned

Mr. Saxbe said he thought that the three wiretaps authorized in the last week were an understatement and that they had covered up well beyond his taking office.

cent. Many State of the Union Messages would include a proposal for legislation to govern the distribution of criminal files.

A debate over control of such statistics has been growing as computerized systems capable of retrieving large amounts of information in a brief time have come into more common use by the Federal and state governments.

At the present time, write legislators governing such systems, the right to a conflict between the right to privacy of persons and the need for records to be stored by a number of agencies is a difficulty for access to public records.

Mr. Saxbe said that a key element of the legislation would be a requirement that all information be checked to ensure that it is accurate and up-to-date before it is stored and a guarantee that persons who have criminal records can review the record to make sure it is accurate.

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