

# Four FBI Taps In Pentagon Case

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The FBI conducted four previously unreported national security wiretaps in 1971-72 as part of an investigation into the unauthorized distribution of Henry Kissinger's secret documents to the Pentagon, according to informed sources.

The taps were made on telephones of friends and associates of navy Yeoman first class Charles E. Radford who had access to the most sensitive National Security Council documents, including notes of Kissinger's first secret visit to China in 1971 when Kissinger was President Nixon's national security adviser.

The sources would not reveal the identities of the friends of Radford whose phones were tapped.

White House attorneys became so concerned that Radford might publicly disclose sensitive national security matters that they asked the special Watergate prosecutor and the Senate Select Watergate Committee last year not to investigate the Radford case.

Radford was the assistant to Rear Admiral Robert O. Welander, at the time the liaison aide between the Pentagon and the White

House. Radford, who apparently was the central figure in copying Kissinger's documents and forwarding them to the Pentagon, also was suspected of leaking classified documents to his friend, syndicated columnist Jack Anderson.

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