

IRS Returns

Phone Data

The Internal Revenue Service yesterday returned to the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co. the company's records of calls from the home phone of New York Times reporter David Rosenbaum.

A summons for records covering an eight-month period had been issued during an investigation of a suspected leak of tax information. The newspaper charged that the summons was beyond IRS legal authority and an invasion of Rosenbaum's rights.

IRS commissioner Donald C. Alexander told The Times he was ordering the records returned without agreeing that the summons was improper.