

Secret Service removes White

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WASHINGTON — The Secret Service has removed at least half a dozen hidden but inactive microphones from the Oval Office in the White House and former President Nixon's hideaway in the Executive Office Building next door.

An agency spokesman said: "I can confirm we took them out on Aug. 20 from the President's Oval Office and the EOB office. These microphones were inactive. All our guys did was to physically remove them."

The microphones were part of a taping system which eventually caused the Watergate downfall of Nixon.

House bugs

Ford, in several statements including his address before the joint session of Congress, said there will be no illegal buggings, tapings or tapings in his administration.

The word has gone to other agencies to discourage recording devices.
