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# Clark Accused of Giving 'Life' Transcript of Jersey Wiretap

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A member of the House Appropriations Committee demanded yesterday that Attorney General Ramsey Clark disclose how Life magazine obtained wiretap transcripts purporting to link Representative Cornelius E. Gallagher, Democrat of New Jersey, with a Mafia figure.

In a letter to Mr. Clark, Representative Charles S. Joelson, also a New Jersey Democrat, said that the "clear implication" of the Life article "is that it was the Department of Justice which did the wiretapping."

The article, which appeared on newsstands on Monday, charged that Mr. Gallagher, a Bayonne Representative, was the "tool and collaborator" of Joseph (Joe Bayonne) Zicarelli, identified by law-enforcement officials as a high New Jersey Mafia figure.

The article reproduced transcripts of purported telephone conversations between the two men to substantiate the charge that Mr. Gallagher had interceded with the police in 1960 to protect Zicarelli's gambling operations in Bayonne.

Mr. Gallagher has categorically denied all the magazine's charges. He said on Wednesday that the wiretaps were "totally manufactured."

Mr. Joelson, who represents the Eighth District, including Paterson and Passaic, said yesterday that he had not talked to Mr. Gallagher since the Life article appeared.

### A '1984' Society

"I suppose the politically wise thing for me to do would be to maintain silence," Mr. Joelson said from his Washington office. "But I cannot sit idly by in view of the ugly implications of a '1984' society."

In his letter to the Attorney General, Mr. Joelson said he was concerned about two aspects of the case.

"First," he wrote, "it appears that the Department of Justice engaged in unlawful activity in wiretapping. Second, and to my mind even more serious,

it appears that although the department took no legal action resulting from the information obtained, it did make it available for publication."

He asked Mr. Clark to inform him whether the alleged wiretapping was conducted by the Justice Department and, if so, how the information "came into the hands of reporters."

"If information obtained by Federal law-enforcement agencies through wiretapping is made available to publications," Mr. Joelson wrote, "what assurance is there that it will not similarly be made available to personal enemies of the person whose conversations have been tapped, and even ultimately to potential blackmailers?"

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Mr. Joelson emphasized in his letter that he did not wish to aid any person mentioned in the Life article.

"In communicating with you in this manner," he wrote, "I am not unaware of the possibility that I may also become a candidate for surveillance. However, I am willing to subject myself to the possibility because I feel that unless someone speaks out, we can quickly go down the road to the Big Brother state which is so alien to the American way of life."

Mr. Joelson is a member of the subcommittee that passes on funds for the Justice Department and its subsidiary, the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

When asked if he would demand a subcommittee hearing, Mr. Joelson replied: "It depends on the answer I get from Mr. Clark."

Mr. Joelson said his letter "necessarily" took in the possibility that the Federal Bureau of Investigation had conducted the wiretapping, since it is "part of the Justice Department."

The Justice Department and the F.B.I. have refused to comment on how Life got the information. The magazine has refused any detailed comment on the article except to defend it as true.