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A federal grand jury Monping device they discovered Richmond police using earlier this year, sources said yesterday.

an investigation into allega-the device and reported the have been subpoenaed for the viretap to Cummings' office Richmond grand jury. tions that the agents acted improperly.

U. S. Attorney William B. a telephone line and gave the Cummings, whose office is device back to the policemen, for comment yesterday, but stress the department's disap-conducting the inquiry, declined comment. Cummings

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A federal grand jury Mon-day will begin considering whether FBI agents ob-structed justice in failing to ping device they discovered covery of the listening device. tives and clearly was illegal,

One source described it as "less than complete." No Richmond police officers Under Justice Department have been charged in connec-A Justice Department offi-cial would confirm only that the department is conducting have immediately confiscated among the six persons who

Wiretapping is permissible said the Bureau had investi- ping.

called the matter "particularly under Virginia law, but the gated the matter "and made sensitive" and referred to the wiretaps must have the ap-Justice Department for any proval of state courts, the at-S. attorney." He declined to

force reportedly involved in hte wiretapping incident "and non will until after the grand jury." He refused to confirm that the wiretapping occurred and said, if it did, it was without the department's approval. "We don't engage in that

n investigation into allega-the device and reported the have been subpoended for the intat as a violation of federal law. Both an FBI spokesman and J. S. Attorney William B. S. Attor