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The Bell Telephone Company said today Pennsylvania State Police were notified promptly when a "foreign attachment" was found last September in the phone service of the State Milk Marketing Board chairman's office complex.

H. C. Armstrong, Bell's Central Area security manager in Harrisburg, explained that telephone company personnel found the device while responding to a routine maintenance repair call.

The discovery occurred in the office area of Harry C. Kapleau in the State Agricultural Building at 2301 North Cameron St., Harrisburg.

Armstrong also said:

"In a case of this type, the telephone company's policy is to turn over all information and any foreign attachments to the appropriate police jurisdiction.

"Consequently, since state government telephone service was involved, we immediately turned over the device and information as to its discovery to the State Police.

"That was the end of the Bell Telephone Company's participation in this matter, and any other details must be obtained from the State Police."

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1st add Bell Telephone x x x State Police."

"We stand ready to check the phone service of any customer who has reasonable cause to believe that illegal use is being made of that service.

"Over the years, such requests have been made by state government officials. Thorough investigations were made and the results, which never disclosed illegal attachments, were reported to the proper state authorities.

"However, while there are no specific time schedules for such investigations, checks of this type have been made in the Governor's office and several other state agencies in the past three months."

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THREE STATE TROOPERS ARE FACING A COURT*MARTIAL IN HERSHEY FOR ALLEGEDLY TAPPING THE TELEPHONES OF ~~KKXX~~ OTHER STATE TROOPERS.

~~AND A HOUSE COMMITTEE IS INVESTIGATING WIRETAPPING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT~~

AND, A HOUSE COMMITTEE IS CONDUCTING A BROAD AND SWEEPING INVESTIGATION OF WIRETAPPING AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES AND EFFECTIVENESS IN THE STATE.

BUT FOR THE PAST SIX MONTHS, THE SHAPP ADMINISTRATION ^{BEEN} HAS KEEPING QUIET ABOUT ~~XXXXTARXXWXXKXWXXXKXMM~~ A WIRETAP WHICH WAS FOUND ON MILK MARKETING BOARD CHAIRMAN HARRY KAPLEAU'S TELEPHONE.

NEWSBEAT

THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY ~~WAS~~ TOLD ~~WAS~~ THAT COMPANY PERSONNEL FOUND THE TAPPING DEVICE LAST SEPTEMBER WHILE RESPONDING TO A ROUTINE MAINTENANCE REPAIR CALL.

STATE POLICE Commissioner JAMES BARGER SAID THE TRANSMITTER ^{FOUND IN}

~~INFORMED SOURCES HAVE CLAIM THE WIRETAPPING DEVICE FOUND IN~~

KAPLEAU'S PHONE COULD HAVE BROADCAST ~~THE~~ HIS CONVERSATIONS ^{TO ANY REGULAR} ~~ON~~ ~~THE~~

FM BAND.

~~OFFICE TO A MOBILE UNIT~~

BARGER SAID HE KNOWS OF NO INVESTIGATION ~~HAS~~ HAVING BEEN CONDUCTED, BUT THAT THERE WILL BE AN INVESTIGATION AFTER THE HERSHEY COURT MARTIAL IS COMPLETED.

~~NO ONE KNOWS WHO DID IT AND THE~~

~~STATE POLICE ARE STILL INVESTIGATING~~

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THE GOVERNOR WANTED TO KEEP THE INCIDENT QUIET TO SEE IF THE WIRETAPPER
WOULD COME BACK.

URELLA ~~IS~~ ALSO SAID THAT THE STATE POLICE ~~XXXXX~~ SWEEP KAPLEAU'S
OFFICE AND HOME FOR TAPS AND BUGS, MAINTAINED A TWO WEEK SURVEILLANCE
~~THEM~~
AND SUBMITTED A REPORT.

THE FORMER COMMISSIONER ~~NOTED THAT HE HAD BEEN ADVISED BY THE STATE POLICE~~
~~THAT~~ ~~IT WAS~~ ~~THE~~ ~~DEVICE~~ ~~CAME~~ ~~FROM~~ ~~CALIFORNIA~~
AND ~~HE~~ ~~SAID~~ ~~HE~~ ~~THINKS~~ ~~HE~~ ~~TURNED~~ ~~IT~~ ~~OVER~~ ~~TO~~ ~~A~~ ~~LAB~~
TO DETERMINE WHAT FREQUENCY THE DEVICE WAS ON. ~~HE DOESN'T KNOW WHERE THE~~
~~DEVICE IS NOW, BUT SAYS HE COULD HAVE PACKED IT UP WITH HIM WHEN HE~~
~~WAS OUSTED FROM THE COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.~~

URELLA SAID THE STATE POLICE TOOK IT APART A MONTH OR TWO AFTER THE
INCIDENT TO STUDY THE DEVICE, AND THEN DESTROYED IT.

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