

MEMO.

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Colonel Urella:

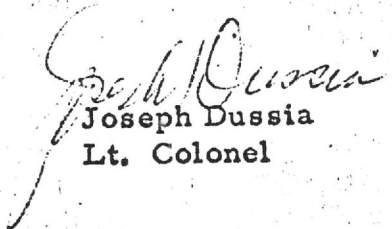
The Deputy Commissioner received a call from Mr. Conn, Bell Security, Pittsburgh, and Mr. Reynolds, Assistant Comptroller and head of security from Bell, Philadelphia, telephone number 215 - 466-5423.

Mr. Reynolds stated that on Friday afternoon their repairman had been called to service the telephone of Mr. Harry Kaplew, Chairman of the Milk Marketing Board, in the Agriculture Building in Harrisburg and while servicing the phone, in the call director, he found what he believed to be a telephone wire tap. He removed it and turned it over to his superiors, who checked it and verified this. He stated that Mr. Ertz from the Harrisburg Bell Telephone Office is discussing the matter with the Governor and that Clarence Barnes, Acting Manager of Security, Bell Telephone, Harrisburg, 233-1681, has the article. Stated that they felt it was their duty to turn it over to the State Police. Mr. Reynolds was advised to have Mr. Barnes contact this officer since the Commissioner was in Hershey.

Mr. Frank Ertz, Bell Telephone, Harrisburg, 233-5021, appeared at the Deputy Commissioner's Office at 11:00 a. m. and stated that he had talked to the Governor and informed him of the circumstances surrounding the location of the wire tap in Mr. Kaplew's office and that Mr. Barnes was going to turn it over to the State Police. Mr. Ertz further stated that Mr. Kaplew be notified by the State Police and, if possible, to have it reinstalled in the phone, with Mr. Kaplew's permission, and an effort made to apprehend the person responsible for it.

Mr. Ertz stated that it was one on an approximate 97 megacycles frequency and that any FM radio set on that band could pick it up within 1,000'.

About this time, Clarence E. Barnes and Mr. Edwin H. Aunspach, his assistant, appeared at the Deputy Commissioner's office and turned over to him the telephone transmitter. Mr. Barnes stated that last Friday afternoon Mr. Kaplew's office called to have the buzzer on the telephone repaired. They send a repairman, who is the PBX repairman, Joseph Tenetylo, out. While repairing the telephone call director, he noticed this object, which he suspected to be a "bug" and he removed it from the phone and said nothing to anyone, but went to his supervisor, Mr. Fritz. Mr. Fritz in turn called the Security Officer and told him about it and it was picked up by Edwin Aunspach, Security Agent, and turned over to Mr. Ernie Bailey, Transmission Engineer, for Bell Telephone. Mr. Bailey, upon taking it apart, verified it was a sophisticated FM transmitter consisting of two transistors, seven resistors, a small integrated circuit board, printed circuit, two coils, two diodes, operated on approximately 97 megacycles with a range of approximately 1,000'. The signal could be picked up by any standard FM receiver adjusted to the proper megacycles. Since this was on the call director it would be able to pick up the conversation on all lines in use on that particular call director.


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