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**Title**            **FBI File 139-HQ-3481, Joseph Carl Engressia and two redacted subjects, Security Matter-espionage; Interception of Communications**

**Date**            1969-08-23

**Abstract**        FBI file 139-HQ-3481 on Joseph Carl Engressia, Jr. and two redacted suspects, concerning his alleged ability to intercept government communications. Corresponding field office files are 65-MM-3225 (Miami, FL); 100-KC-13546 (Kansas City, MO), 139-HQ-3482, and 139-CG-205 (Chicago, IL)

**Keywords**      Joseph Carl Engressia, Jr.; Joe Engressia; Joybubbles

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Federal Bureau of Investigation

Washington, D.C. 20535

December 18, 2007

Subject: ENGRESSIA, JOSEF CARL

FOIPA No. 1090573

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Sincerely yours,



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August 28, 1969

## GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

Attached reports information received from telephor company officials at Kansas City regarding use of a devi developed by subjects in Kansas City, Miami, and Chica to defraud telephone company of revenues and have alleg intercepted and monitored telephone toll calls. Two subjects reportedly have discovered a means to intercept and monitor WATS (a special rate long distance telephor system) and Autovon (automatic voice network owned by Defense Communication Agency and used as general pur telephone communication to major establishments of Defense Department in United States, Europe, and Pacific, line not a security line and should not be used t discuss classified information). Investigation by teleph company officials at Kansas City has not revealed any s interception actually occurred.

Miami advised investigation by telephone company there revealed two Miami subjects are blind 21-year-old amateur radio operators. Telephone company officials at Miami have not developed any information indicating the Autovon or WATS systems or any other telephone conversations have been monitored by subjects and there is no indication from telephone company investigation concerning National security aspects. Miami telephone company officials state subjects' actions were for their amusement and harassment of the telephone company.

Kansas City, Miami, and Chicago are continuing their investigation and you will be advised of all pertinent developments.

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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____ b6
Mr. Sullivan	_____ b7C
Mr. Tavel	_____ b7D
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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

6:18 PM URGENT 8-27-69 JRC ~~PARAPHRASE IF DISSEMINATED~~

TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MIAMI  
CHICAGO AND MIAMI VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM KANSAS CITY

*P.O.B.* [redacted] JOSEPH ENGRESSIA, [redacted] *P.O.B.*

[redacted] SECURITY MATTER - ESPIONAGE; INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS. *D.O.R.*

Office of Origin  
OO: KANSAS CITY

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DATE 11-08-2007 BY 60324 AUC BAM/STP/TH

RE KANSAS CITY TEL CALL TO BUREAU AND BUREAU TEL CALL TO KANSAS CITY AUGUST. TWENTY SEVEN INSTANT.

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\* Device designed to thwart the billing procedures of the telephone company and is attached to the transmitting unit rather than to the receiver. This permits the owner to make toll free calls anywhere Direct Distance Dialing is available.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], REPORTEDLY WERE ALSO INVOLVED WITH  
[REDACTED] AND ENGRESSIA.

MIAMI TELEPHONE OFFICIALS HAVE INVESTIGATED AND INTERVIEWED BOTH [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] RE THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN "BLUE BOX" SCHEME. BOTH ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED EVERYTHING TO TELEPHONE OFFICIALS. NO PROSECUTION RE [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WAS <sup>E</sup>AFFECTED BECAUSE THEY TURNED OVER TO MIAMI TELEPHONE OFFICIALS ALL THEIR RECORDS AND EQUIPMENT PERTAINING TO THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THIS SCHEME. [REDACTED] ALLEGEDLY ADMITTED THAT ENGRESSIA WAS "BRAINS" IN THIS MATTER AND WAS AN ELECTRONICS GENIUS WITH AN I.Q. OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY.

United States Attorney

NO CONTACT WAS MADE BY KANSAS CITY WITH APPROPRIATE USA RE THIS MATTER BECAUSE OF POSSIBLE SECURITY SIGNFICANCE INVOLVING HIGHLY CLASSIFIED AUTOVON TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

PER BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, THIS MATTER WILL BE HANDLED WITH UTMOST PRIORITY AND SUTEL RESULTS.

MIAMI WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW BOTH [REDACTED] AND JOSEPH ENGRESSIA CONCERNING THIS MATTER.

CHICAGO WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED].  
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KANSAS CITY WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW [REDACTED].

MIAMI SHOULD NOTE THAT TELEPHONE OFFICIALS IN THAT CITY APPARENTLY HAVE MADE SOME INVESTIGATION CONCERNING THIS CASE AND WOULD HAVE RESULTS OF THEIR INVESTIGATION AVAILABLE. ALSO ENGRESSIA ALLEGEDLY MAY HAVE SOPHISTICATED ELECTRONICS EQUIPMENT IN HIS RESIDENCE WHICH ENABLES HIM TO ALLEGEDLY INTERCEPT AND MONITOR TELEPHONE TOLL CALLS. [REDACTED] INDICATED THAT INFORMATION CONCERNING CAPABILITY OF MONITORING WHITE HOUSE CALLS\* BY SUBJECTS HAD NOT BEEN DISCLOSED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE THE TELEPHONE COMPANY.

RECEIVED 7:53 PM WLM

\*According to [REDACTED] Liaison Section, the Defense Communications Agency operates the AUTOVON Communications System through the facilities Telephone Company. The Defense Communications System Directory states: "The Automatic Voice Network (AUTOVON) is the general purpose switched voice network of the Defense Communications Systems. AUTOVON serves major installations in CONUS (Continental United States) and Pacific and extends to Europe and Panama." The Directory indicates calls can be made to the White House. AUTOVON is used for nonsensitive communications. Classified data is sent via AUTOSEVOCON.

cc  
[REDACTED]

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

- Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
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- Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: August 27, 1969

FROM : [Redacted]

1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: [Redacted]

1 - [Redacted]

1 - [Redacted]

1 - [Redacted]

1 - [Redacted]

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA;

[Redacted]

SECURITY MATTER - ESPIONAGE;  
 UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR  
 USE OF COMMUNICATIONS;  
 FRAUD BY WIRE

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SAC Dissly, Kansas City, provided the following information  
 which was furnished to him by [Redacted]

[Large redacted block containing the main body of the memorandum's content]

**ACTION TAKEN:** SAC Dissly was instructed to immediately obtain all pertinent details concerning this matter and that leads for the Chicago and Miami Offices should be initiated telephonically and later confirmed in writing. The Kansas City Office will furnish a coded teletype to the Bureau today providing details in this matter and will keep the Bureau advised of all pertinent developments. Bureau files being reviewed on all subjects.

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Mr. Bishop	_____
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PM URGENT 8-27-69 MAM

TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY

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FROM MIAMI

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[REDACTED] JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [REDACTED]

SM - ESP. INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

RE KC TEL AUGUST TWENTY SEVEN INSTANT.

[REDACTED] SOUTHERN BELL  
TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, MIAMI (FORMER BUREAU SA)

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ADVISED AS FOLLOWS:

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA AND [REDACTED] ARE BOTH BLIND MALES APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ONE YEARS OLD. THEY ARE HAM RADIO OPERATORS WITH INTENSE INTEREST IN TELEPHONE AND OTHER AUDIO SYSTEMS. BOTH HAVE BEEN INVESTIGATED BY SECURITY DEPARTMENT, SBT&T, MIAMI, DURING THE PAST YEAR, AND THEIR INVESTIGATION IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. THIS INVESTIGATION HAS NOT REVEALED ANY MONITORING OF AUTOVON, WATS, OR OTHER TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS BY SUBJECTS. ALSO, INVESTIGATION HAS NOT REVEALED ANY NATIONAL SECURITY ASPECT TO THEIR ACTIVITIES. SBT&T OFFICIALS, MIAMI, ARE OF OPINION THE ACTIVITIES OF ENGRESSIA AND WAY HAVE BEEN STRICTLY FOR THEIR OWN AMUSEMENT AND HARRASSMENT OF TELEPHONE COMPANY.

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WATSON

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[ ] WILL MAKE AVAILABLE HIS SBT&T FILE ON AUG. TWENTYEIGHT,  
SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF HIS SUPERIORS WHOM HE INTENDS TO CONSULT IN VIEW  
OF LEGAL ASPECTS OF THIS CASE AND CONFIDENTIAL CONTENTS OF FILE.  
MIAMI WILL LOCATE AND INTERVIEW ENGRESSIA AND [ ] IMMEDIATELY  
AFTER RECEIVING BENEFIT OF SBT&T INFORMATION  
END  
LRC FBI WASH DC

*EPT*

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Bishop  
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TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO, AND MIAMI  
FROM KANSAS CITY 100-13546

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[REDACTED] ET AL; SM-ESP., INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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REMYTEL AND PHONE CALLS TODAY, AND BUREAU PHONE CALL TO  
KANSAS CITY TODAY.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH BUREAU INSTRUCTIONS, CHICAGO AND MIAMI  
TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO DISCONTINUE INVESTIGATION AND TO  
SUBMIT SUMMARY TELETYPE TODAY INCORPORATING INVESTIGATION TO  
DATE.

<sup>S</sup> SOUTHWESTERN BELL TELEPHONE CO. INVESTIGATION CONTINUING.

NO REPORT BEING SUBMITTED, UACB.

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2:29 PM URGENT 8-28 69 JRC  
TO DIRECTOR, CHICAGO AND MIAMI  
CHICAGO AND MIAMI VIA WASHINGTON  
FROM KANSAS CITY

VIA TELETYPE  
AUG 28 1969  
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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Bishop \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen *RLD*
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_
- Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

[REDACTED]; ET AL; SM - ESPIONAGE, INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS.

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REMYTEL AUG. TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED], INTERVIEWED P.M., AUG. TWENTYSEVEN LAST.

[REDACTED]

HE ACKNOWLEDGED HE HAS NEVER PERSONALLY MET JOSEPH ENGRESSIA. APPROX. ONE YEAR AGO HE WATCHED A TV PROGRAM OF HUNTLEY AND BRINKLEY, WHEREIN ENGRESSIA WAS ON THE PROGRAM AS AN ELECTRONICS EXPERT, WHO WAS CAPABLE OF ORALLY EMITTING A PERFECT TWENTY SIX HUNDRED CYCLE TONE, WHICH COULD BE USED TO DIRECT DISTANCE DIAL ANY PHONE NUMBER IN THE COUNTRY. HE DESCRIBED ENGRESSIA AS AN ELECTRONICS GENIUS WITH A HIGH IQ AND WHO IS BLIND.

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AS A RESULT OF SEEING ENGRESSIA ON TV, [REDACTED] CONTACTED HIM BY MAIL. FOLLOWING THIS CONTACT, [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN CONTACTS 1969 FREQUENTLY WITH ENGRESSIA THROUGH EITHER THE MAIL, PHONE OR HAM RADIO.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

TELETYPED TO [REDACTED]  
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HE CLAIMED HE LAST TALKED ON THE PHONE WITH ENGRESSIA A FEW WEEKS AGO. ENGRESSIA HAS TOLD HIM THAT HE SUSPECTED HIS PHONE WAS TAPPED IN MIAMI, FLA., AND HAS INSTRUCTED [ ] TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH OTHER PHONE NUMBERS, OTHER THAN ENGRESSIA'S PRIVATE PHONE NUMBER. ENGRESSIA HAS CLAIMED TO HIM THAT HE HAS NOT COMPLAINED TO THE LOCAL PHONE COMPANY IN MIAMI RE THIS BELIEF. ENGRESSIA HAS FURTHER CLAIMED HE BELIEVES HIS PHONE IS TAPPED BECAUSE HE HAS DISCUSSED NEW ELECTRONICS SYSTEMS, WHICH HE BELIEVES THE PHONE COMPANY WAS ANXIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT.

[ ] SAID THE PHONE NUMBERS WHICH HE HAS CALLED ENGRESSIA IN MIAMI, FLA. WERE NOT FAMILIAR TO HIM AND HE WAS UNABLE TO RECALL ANY SPECIFIC NUMBER. HE NOTED HE HAS CALLED ENGRESSIA AT A NUMBER AND ASKED FOR HIMSELF, WHICH WAS THE SIGNAL FOR ENGRESSIA TO CALL HIM [ ] ENGRESSIA, APPARENTLY THROUGH A WATS TELEPHONE LINE, THEN COMMUNICATES WITH [ ] [ ] SAID HE MAY HAVE CALLED MIAMI PHONE NUMBERS EIGHT EIGHT FIVE - TWO FIVE TWO TWO AND EIGHT EIGHT FIVE - TWO FIVE TWO THREE IN ORDER TO TALK TO ENGRESSIA; HOWEVER, HE WAS NOT SURE ABOUT THIS. HE ADMITTED HE HAS NOT PAID FOR PHONE CALLS TO MIAMI BETWEEN HIMSELF AND ENGRESSIA BECAUSE ENGRESSIA ALWAYS PAID FOR THESE CALLS.

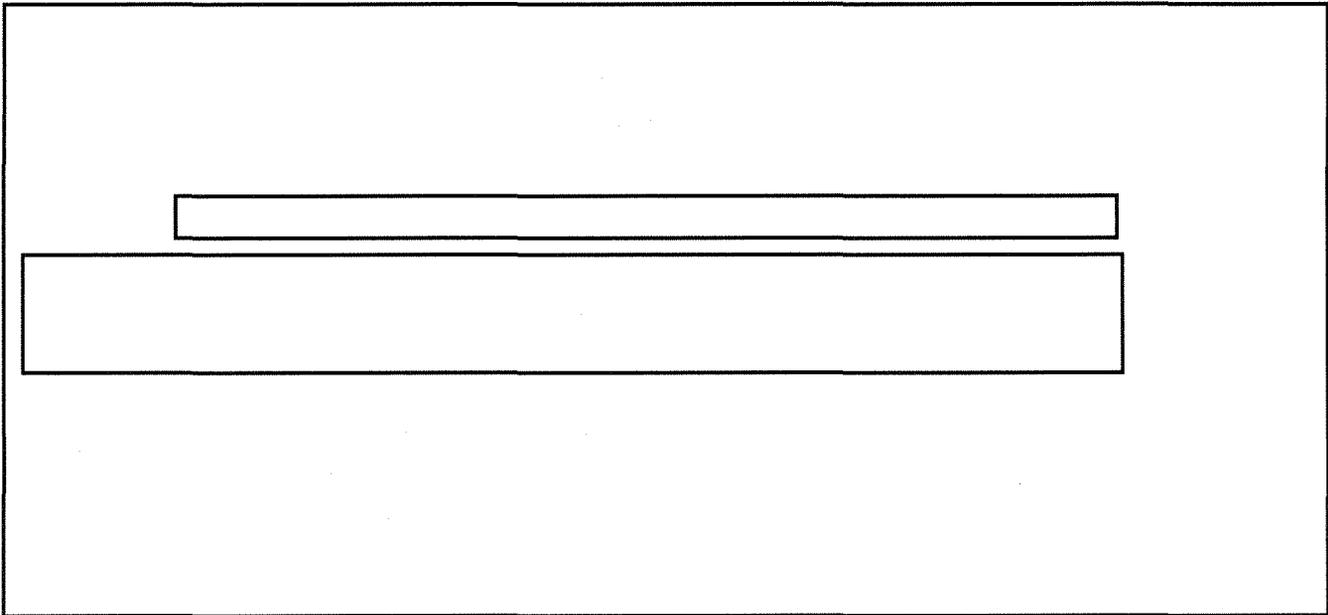
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CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN ENGRESSIA AND [ ] PROBABLY COVERED MANY TOPIC, INCLUDING "ESS", A NEW TELEPHONE COMPUTER SYSTEM "WATS", AND "AUTOVON", A MILITARY PHONE SYSTEM, ACCORDING TO [ ].

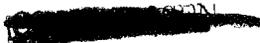
HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT BACKGROUND IN ORDER TO  
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CONSTRUCT A "BLUE BOX". ENGRESSIA, ACCORDING TO [REDACTED], DOES HAVE SUCH KNOWLEDGE AND PROBABLY HAS MADE A "BLUE BOX". HE FURTHER CLAIMED HE DID NOT HAVE ABILITY TO INTERCEPT AND MONITOR PHONE TOLL CALLS ON ANY LINES, INCLUDING "WATS" OR "AUTOVON". HE SAID ENGRESSIA PROBABLY WOULD HAVE KNOWLEDGE RE THIS TECHNIQUE. THE NAMES [REDACTED] [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WERE UNFAMILIAR TO [REDACTED].



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VIA TELETYPE !

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Miss Holmes	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

1015 PM URGENT 8/28/69 RCW

TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO (CODE)  
FROM MIAMI

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[REDACTED]; JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [REDACTED]

SM - ESP. INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

RE MIAMI TELETYPE TO BUREAU AUGUST TWENTY SEVEN LAST AND  
KC PHONE CALL TO MIAMI INSTANT.

FOLLOWING INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT:

[REDACTED], SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE  
AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, MIAMI, PROVIDED HISTORY MISUSE TELEPHONE  
EQUIPMENT BY JOSEPH ENGRESSIA AND [REDACTED] DURING PAST YEAR.  
SBT AND T INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT [REDACTED] UTILIZED  
MAGNETIC TAPES TO SUPPLY MULTI FREQUENCY TONE TO CIRCUMVENT  
TELEPHONE BILLING PROCEDURES. [REDACTED] INTERVIEWED BY SBT AND T,  
ADMONISHED AND HE AGREED TO DISCONTINUE ACTIVITIES.

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA, WHILE STUDENT AT SOUTH FLORIDA UNIVERSITY,  
TAMPA, WAS DISCOVERED TO BE DEFRAUDING TELEPHONE COMPANY OF  
TOLL REVENUE BY WHISTLING TONES AND CONSIDERABLE NEWSPAPER  
PUBLICITY RESULTED THEREFROM. ENGRESSIA ALSO INTERVIEWED BY  
SBT AND T AND ADMONISHED.

SBT AND T DETERMINED THAT ENGRESSIA AND ASSOCIATES OTHER THAN  
WAY WERE CAUSING DISCONTINUED TELEPHONE NUMBERS TO BE STRAPPED

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G. [Signature]

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ROTARY, WITH SLEEVE LEAD REMOVED, AND THEREAFTER USING THESE NUMBERS FOR COMPLETING LONG DISTANCE CALLS WITHOUT TOLL ON PREARRANGED SIGNALS. THIS PRACTICE IS CURRENTLY UNDER INVESTIGATION BY SBT AND T.

SBT AND T INVESTIGATION, MIAMI, DID NOT REVEAL ANY INTERCEPTION OR MONITORING OF TELEPHONE CALLS, INCLUDING CALLS ON WATS OR AUTOVON CIRCUITS.

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[REDACTED] INTERVIEWED AND HS DENIED INTERCEPTION OR CAPABILITY OR KNOWLEDGE OF INTERCEPTION. HE CLAIMED, THAT SINCE INTERVIEWED BY SBT AND T HE HAS DISCONTINUED USE OF TELEPHONE OTHER THAN NORMAL PRACTICE.

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA, AGE TWENTY AND BLIND, INTERVIEWED AND HE ADMITTED INTENSE INTEREST IN TELEPHONE COMPANY SYSTEMS AND EQUIPMENT. HE IS FAMILIAR WITH THE PRACTICES AS TO TEST NUMBERS, CIRCUITS, AND OPERATIONS OF TELEPHONE COMPANIES. ENGRESSIA EXHIBITED ABILITY TO WHISTLE TWENTY SIX HUNDRED CYCLE NOTES WHICH IS UTILIZED BY TELEPHONE COMPANY IN TOLL NETWORK. HE CLAIMED HE LEARNED MAJORITY OF INFORMATION BY TRIAL AND ERROR USING HIS TOUCH TONE INSTRUMENT. HE CLAIMED HE DID NOT WISH TO VIOLATE ANY LAW AND THAT HIS ACTIVITIES WITH THE TELEPHONE WERE  
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FOR AMUSEMENT AND EDUCATION. HE ADVISED THAT HE HAS NEVER INTERCEPTED OR MONITORED WATS OF AUTOVON CIRCUITS, BUT IS AWARE THAT AUTOVON CIRCUITS EXIST AT HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE, FLORIDA.

ENGRESSIA ADMITTED THAT HE IS AWARE OF MIAMI TELEPHONE NUMBER WHICH WOULD ENABLE HIM TO MONITOR SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS OFFICE OF SBT AND T, AND HE CLAIMED THAT THIS IS THE ONLY INTERCEPTION HE HAS EVER MADE.

ENGRESSIA ADVISED HE KNOWS OF NO ONE CAPABLE OF INTERCEPTING TELEPHONE CALLS.

AFTER NEWSPAPER PUBLICITY IN NOVEMBER NINETEEN SIXTY EIGHT OF ENGRESSIA'S WHISTLING TONES, [REDACTED], KANSAS CITY, CONTACTED ENGRESSIA AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HIS ACTIVITIES. ENGRESSIA ADMITTED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS WITH [REDACTED] THROUGH BRIDGED ROTARY NUMBERS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. HE DOES NOT KNOW [REDACTED] OF CHICAGO. ENGRESSIA ADVISED THAT SHOULD HE LEARN OF INTERCEPTION OF TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS BY ANYONE HE WOULD REPORT SAME TO FBI.

FOR INFORMATION OF CHICAGO, [REDACTED] IS FRIEND OF [REDACTED]  
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AND WAS INVOLVED WITH WAY IN PRIOR INVESTIGATION BY SBT AND T, MIAMI,  
PER KC TELEPHONE CALL, NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION BEING  
CONDUCTED.

COPIES THIS COMMUNICATION BEING SENT TO KC VIA AMSD.

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- Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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- Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Rosen *NR*
- Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_
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TO DIRECTOR, MIAMI AND KANSAS CITY CODE

FROM CHICAGO (139-205) (RUC) 4P

CHANGED. [redacted]; JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [redacted]

SECURITY MATTER - ESPIONAGE; INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS -

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TITLE CHANGED TO REFLECT [redacted] TRUE NAME AS LEARNED ILLINOIS  
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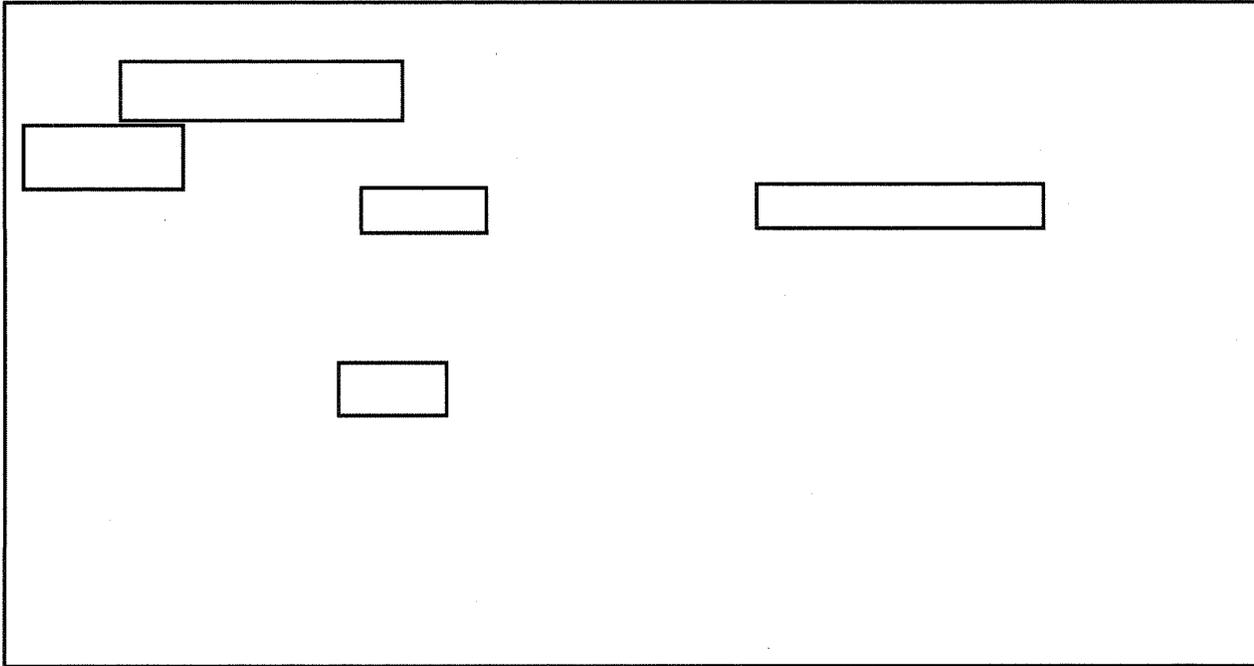
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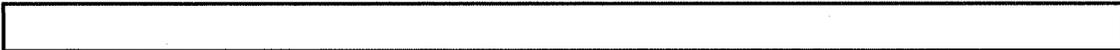
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RELIABLE SOURCE, [REDACTED] DETERMINED [REDACTED]



[REDACTED] NO CREDIT OR

ARREST RECORD [REDACTED]

CHICAGO NOTES THE FOLLOWING:

INFORMATION DEVELOPED TO DATE IBT AND MIAMI BELL OFFICIALS

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INDICATE NEAR IMPOSSIBILITY OF INTERCEPTION THROUGH MEANS ALLEGEDLY  
UTILIZED BY FOUR SUBJECTS OF AUTOVON OR WATS SYSTEMS. IN LIGHT  
OF THIS CONFLICTING INFORMATION CHICAGO IS NOT INTERVIEWING

[REDACTED]

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*XEROX- MR. SULLIVAN*  
CC-MR. ROSEN

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen

1 - Mr. DeLoach

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SUBJECT: INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS (IOC)  
FORMERLY UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR  
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS (UPUC)

The following is furnished pursuant to the Director's request as to background and procedures of Bureau's handling of UPUC and IOC violations.

UPUC violations came into being with passage of the Federal Communications Act of 1934, and until 1953 violations in connection therewith were handled almost exclusively by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). In February, 1953, following FCC's referral to the Department of a number of wiretapping cases because FCC did not have qualified personnel to conduct such investigations, and a determination by the Department that the FCC had demonstrated its inability to adequately investigate and prosecute these violations, it was decided by the Department that the Criminal Division would accept jurisdiction for these violations. At this time the Department also determined that the FBI would hereafter have exclusive investigative jurisdiction.

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We advised Department we would accept investigative jurisdiction only at such time as additional funds were appropriated to defray the cost of personnel and equipment necessary for these investigations. These funds were made available in March, 1953, and since that time the Bureau has had exclusive investigative jurisdiction over violations of the UPUC Statute. It has been our policy since that time to check with Department in each case before a full field investigation is made of any alleged violation.

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Based on the foregoing, when information was confidentially received by our Kansas City office from a [ ]

[ ] and Joseph Engressia, Miami, Florida, allegedly had the capability to intercept communications transmitted over WATS and the military's AUTOVON system which is used by major military installations in the United States, Europe and the

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Memorandum to Mr. DeLoach  
Re: INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS (IOC)  
FORMERLY UNAUTHORIZED PUBLICATION OR  
USE OF COMMUNICATIONS (UPUC)

Pacific for nonsensitive communications, it was suggested we disseminate this information and conduct a preliminary IOC investigation since the reported capability to intercept a wire communication would be a technical violation. The foregoing suggestion also took into consideration possible security ramifications involved in intercepting military communications over the AUTOVON system, which system can also be used for placing calls to the White House. The foregoing suggestion was also made in the event the telephone company subsequently announced publicly that they had referred this matter to the FBI.

ACTION: The foregoing allegation was disseminated to John D. Ehrlichman, Counsel to the President, the Secretary of Defense, and the Director, U. S. Secret Service.

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*as to whether full*  
*field investigation is*  
*desired.*  
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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

September 3, 1969

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Director ~~FP~~

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - [Redacted]
- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

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JOSEPH ENGRESSIA

INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

This is to confirm a discussion between Department Attorney James R. Robinson of the Criminal Division and Special Agents [Redacted] and [Redacted] of this Bureau on September 2, 1969, concerning an allegation that the captioned subjects had utilized electronic equipment in connection with telephone communications. It was reported that [Redacted], and Joseph Engressia, Miami, Florida, allegedly had discovered a means to monitor telephone calls transmitted over the Defense Communication Agency's Automatic Voice Network (AUTOVON) and the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS).

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The Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri; Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company, Miami, Florida; and Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, Illinois, have conducted investigations concerning the subjects in this regard. Such investigations revealed no instances where the subjects had intercepted or monitored any communications, including AUTOVON or WATS. It was determined, however, the subjects had defrauded the telephone companies by making long distance toll calls utilizing a device which prevented the telephone companies from collecting toll charges.

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Mr. Robinson advised this information was not a sufficient indication of a violation under the Interception of Communications Statute to justify investigation by this Bureau inasmuch as the subjects reportedly did not intercept any telephone messages. In line with the advice of Mr. Robinson, no investigation is being conducted by the FBI.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

Re: [REDACTED]  
JOSEPH ENGRESSIA

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NOTE:

Information concerning this matter was originally furnished to our Kansas City office by [REDACTED] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company who had received allegations from an unidentified source. During their investigations, telephone companies obtained the devices utilized by the subjects in order to prevent further defrauding of the companies.

AUTOVON is a general purpose telephone communication system which serves major military installations in the United States, Europe, and the Pacific. WATS is a special rate long distance telephone network. Violation of Interception of Communications Statute requires unauthorized interception of oral or wire communications.

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JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [ ]

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_ (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CHICAGO (139-205) (RUC)

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA;

[REDACTED];

SECURITY MATTER -  
ESPIONAGE;  
IOC - FRAUD BY WIRE  
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Re Bureau teletype to Kansas City, Chicago, and Miami dated 8/29/69, and Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 8/28/69.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 7 copies of an LHM captioned as above.

Enclosed for Kansas City is one copy of this LHM.

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Chicago, Illinois  
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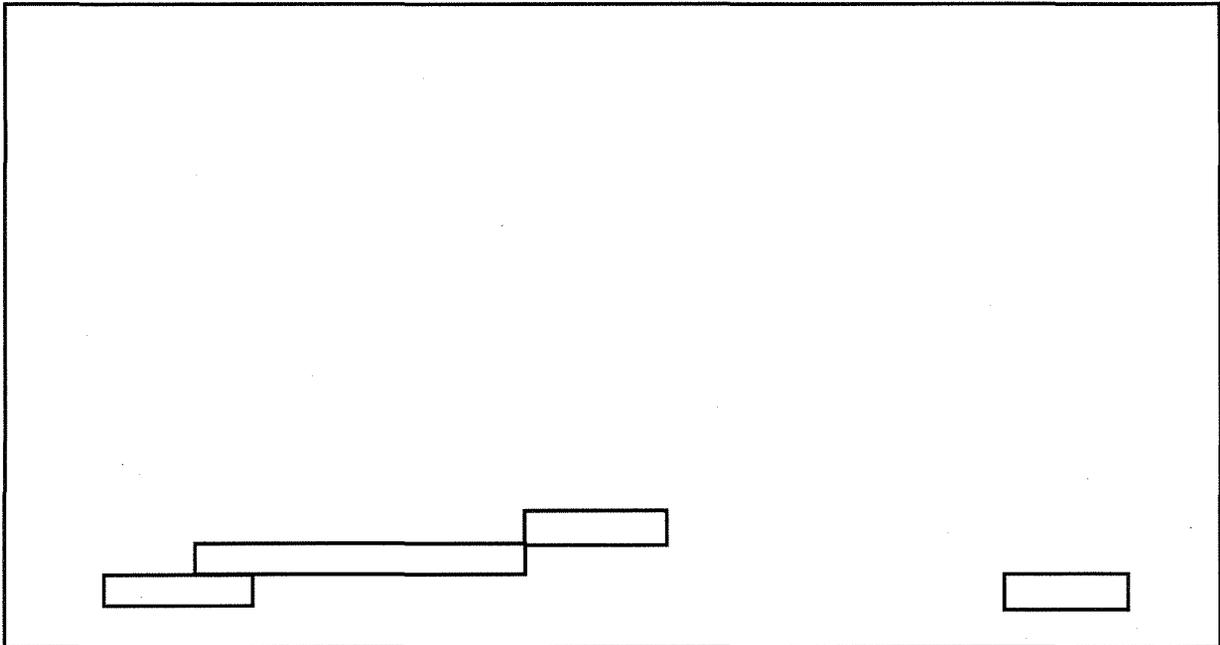
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JOSEPH ENGRESSIA;  
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On August 28, 1969, a second confidential source, who is knowledgeable of [redacted], advised a representative of the FBI that [redacted] was born on [redacted] at [redacted]. He moved to [redacted] on November 16, 1967, from a previous residence at [redacted].

[redacted]  
[redacted] He is not known to have an arrest record in the vicinity of his present residence.

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# Memorandum

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TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: August 29, 1969

FROM : A. Rosen *R/R*

1 - Mr. DeLoach

1 - Mr. Rosen

SUBJECT: [redacted]

[redacted]

JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; ET AL.  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

1 - Mr. Bishop  
1 - Mr. Sullivan

Attached are letters to White House, Secretary of Defense, and Director of Secret Service advising of information confidentially furnished Kansas City office on 8/27/69, that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, learned that captioned individuals have allegedly discovered a means to intercept conversations transmitted over the Defense Communication Agency's Automatic Voice Network (AUTOVON) and Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS). AUTOVON is a general purpose telephone communication system which serves major military installations in the United States, Europe and the Pacific.

Source of this information is [redacted] [redacted] Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, who learned of this by monitoring telephone conversation between [redacted] and Engressia. [redacted] advised he is not sure whether [redacted] and Engressia have actually intercepted and monitored toll calls on either WATS or AUTOVON; however, both subjects have stated they can do so if need be. According to [redacted] the Bell Telephone System in Kansas City, Chicago, Illinois, and Miami, Florida, has and is continuing to conduct investigation as to the activities of [redacted] and Engressia and others who have developed a device designed to thwart the billing procedures of the telephone company and permits a person to make free telephone calls anywhere that direct distance dialing is available.

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**RECOMMENDATION:** That the attached letters be sent to the White House, Secretary of Defense, and Director, U. S. Secret Service advising of allegations that captioned individuals have allegedly discovered a means to intercept conversations transmitted over AUTOVON and WATS. We are presently conducting no investigation of this matter. Separate memorandum being prepared pursuant to Director's request as to background and procedures for handling Interception of Communications violations (formerly known as Unauthorized Publication or Use of Communications). 139-3481-12

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L. J. [unclear]  
C. J. [unclear]

August 29, 1969

- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
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- 1 - Mr. Bishop
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan

Honorable Melvin R. Laird  
The Secretary of Defense  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Mr. Laird:

On August 27, 1969, this Bureau's Kansas City office, Kansas City, Missouri, was confidentially advised that the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, has developed information that  and Joseph Engressia, Miami, Florida, allegedly have discovered a means to intercept telephone calls transmitted over the Defense Communication Agency's Automatic Voice Network (AUTOVON) and the Wide Area Telephone Service (WATS).

AUTOVON is used as a general purpose telephone communication system to major military installations in the United States, Europe and the Pacific. WATS is a special rate long distance telephone network.

According to the source of this information, it is not known whether  or Engressia actually intercepted telephone calls on either AUTOVON or WATS; however, both allegedly stated they can do so if need be.

Honorable John D. Ehrlichman, Counsel to the President, and the Director, U. S. Secret Service, have also been advised as to the foregoing.

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Sincerely yours,  
**J. EDGAR HOOVER** EX 106

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Cover memorandum A. Rosen to Mr. DeLoach, same date, captioned  Joseph Engressia; et al. Information Concerning. CB:lrk

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, KANSAS CITY (139-New) P  
SUBJ: (FNU) [redacted]  
Florida Bell Telephone Company;  
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Re Kansas City airtel to Bureau, 8/30/69,  
captioned [redacted]; JOSEPH ENGRESSIA; [redacted]  
[redacted] SM-ESPIONAGE; IOC OO KC."

[redacted] has sent a two page letter to the  
Kansas City FBI Office. One copy of this letter is being  
furnished to the Bureau and Miami. The original letter  
is being retained by Kansas City.

[redacted] in his letter, alleged that a [redacted]  
of the Florida Bell Telephone Company in Miami, Florida,  
illegally monitored conversations on JOE ENGRESSIA's  
telephone # 274-0760. It is further alleged that these  
monitored conversations were divulged by [redacted] to  
an unnamed FBI Agent in Miami, Florida.

[redacted] also claims that SAs [redacted] and  
[redacted] confirmed his allegations regarding the  
monitoring of [redacted] telephone in Miami when these Agents  
interviewed [redacted] on 8/27/69.

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It is pointed out that SAs [ ] and [ ] did interview [ ] on 8/27/69 and a copy of that FD-302 is being furnished both the Bureau and the Miami Office. At no time during this interview, was information given to [ ] indicating or confirming that ENGRESSIA's telephone had been monitored and the results of the monitoring furnished to an Miami FBI Agent.

[ ] further claimed that he possesses information that a pen register is being used by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company at Kansas City, Missouri on his home telephone # [ ]. It is pointed out that Kansas City has no information that Southwestern Bell Telephone Company has or is utilizing a pen register on telephone number [ ].

The U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Missouri has not been contacted regarding this case because the source of the allegations is believed to be totally unreliable and his allegations are unfounded.

The letter from [ ] has not been acknowledged in writing by Kansas City. UACB, Kansas City will personally contact [ ] in order to refute and rebut his allegations which he set forth in his letter.

LEADS:

MIAMI

AT MIAMI, FLORIDA

If possible, will furnish Kansas City with any information which could be logically utilized to disprove [ ] allegations concerning the monitoring of ENGRESSIA's telephone and subsequent divulgence of this monitoring to an FBI Agent in Miami.

KANSAS CITY

AT KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Will await information from Miami prior to contacting [ ] if the Bureau agrees that [ ] should be personally contacted by the FBI.

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
811 Grand Avenue  
Kansas City, Missouri

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Gentlemen:

The Communications Act of 1934, United States Code Title #47, Section #605 with regard to unauthorized publication or use of communications states that: "No person receiving or assisting in receiving or transmitting any interstate or foreign communication by wire or radio shall divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning thereof except to the addressee, his agent, or attorney. " ..... no person having received such intercepted information or having become acquainted with the contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning of the same or any part thereof, knowing that such information was so obtained, shall divulge or publish the existence, contents, substance, purport, effect, or meaning of the same or any part thereof.

The Right of Privacy Act of 1967, Section #2510 states that:

- (A) Any person who, whether acting under color of law or otherwise,
- (1) willfully intercepts or attempts to intercept any wire communication without the consent of at least one sender or receiver of such communication; or
  - (2) willfully discloses or attempts to disclose, or uses or attempts to use any information, knowing or having reason to know that such information was obtained in violation of paragraph (1) of this subsection---shall be fined not more than \$10,000 or imprisoned not more than five years or both.

The judicial construction of 47 U.S.C. 605 in two decisions rendered shortly after the enactment of Section #605 ruled (by the Supreme Court) that: (1) federal officers are embraced within the concluding prohibition thereof, specifically, that "no person not being authorized by the sender ... shall divulge or publish the contents....of such intercepted communications to any one." and (2) that evidence procured by such officers directly from wiretapping as well as (3) evidence legitimately procured by said officers as a by-product of wiretapping shall be inadmissible in federal courts. Nardone v. U.S., 302 U.S. 379. This bar to the introduction of wiretap evidence in federal courts subsequently was amplified to preclude the admissibility therein of information initially obtained by wiretapping on the part of state officers independently of any federal participating therein and thereafter tendered to federal agents. Benanti v. U.S., 355 U.S. 96 (1957).

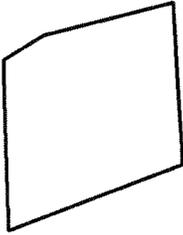
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TO DIRECTOR AND KANSAS CITY CODE  
FROM MIAMI



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RE BUREAU TELEPHONE CALL INSTANT TO MIAMI BY BUREAU SUPERVISOR

[redacted] AND MIAMI LHM SEPTEMBER ONE LAST CAPTIONED

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MIAMI, WHEN INTERVIEWED AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT LAST BY BUREAU AGENTS MIAMI  
RE ACTIVITIES OF JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR. AND [redacted] DID  
NOT REVEAL TELEPHONE COMPANY HAD MONITORED TELEPHONE CONVERSATIONS  
BETWEEN [redacted] AND ENGRESSIA. ONLY INFORMATION RE MONITORING  
BY TELEPHONE COMPANY SET FORTH PAGE THREE REFERENCED LHM AND  
THIS CONVERSATION NOT IDENTIFIED AS BETWEEN [redacted] AND ENGRESSIA.

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Reference Bureau teletype to Kansas City 8/29/69.

Enclosed to Bureau are 8 copies of self-explanatory LHM.

~~This LHM being classified confidential to protect identity of informants of continuing value.~~

\_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_  
Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri,  
contacted by SA \_\_\_\_\_

No further investigation being conducted and this case is considered closed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Kansas City, Missouri

August 30, 1969

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[redacted]  
JOSEPH ENGRESSIA;  
[redacted]

A confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 27, 1969, advised the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Kansas City, Missouri, has recently been conducting investigation regarding the use of a "blue box" on long-distance telephone lines from the Kansas City, Missouri, area. Through such investigation it was learned that this "blue box" had been used on local telephone number [redacted]. This source advised this telephone number is presently assigned to [redacted] who purportedly resides at [redacted]. The records of the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company also reflect [redacted] has a second telephone number assigned to this residence, that being [redacted].

This source advised that through this investigation it was learned that [redacted] and Joseph Engressia, who resides in the Miami, Florida, area, were purportedly associates and through this association were utilizing the "blue box" in order to defraud the telephone company of revenue.

It was also learned that Engressia allegedly was able to persuade the telephone officials in Miami, Florida, through some sort of a subterfuge to "strap" local Miami telephone numbers 885-2522 and 885-2523. Through this "strapping process" [redacted] and Engressia allegedly were able to telephonically communicate with each other without any record being made of this long-distance telephone call and thereby the telephone company would not receive the appropriate revenue for these long-distance telephone calls.

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This source further advised that through the same source he had ascertained that both [REDACTED] and Engressia had discovered a means to intercept and monitor both "EATS" and "AUTOVON" telephone systems. However, this source was not sure whether [REDACTED] and Engressia have actually intercepted and monitored toll calls on either the "EATS" or "AUTOVON" systems.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was interviewed by Special Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at his residence, [REDACTED] on August 27, 1969. At that time [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

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[redacted] upon being contacted at his residence, [redacted] was advised by SA [redacted] that the FBI wished to discuss with him his association with JOSEPH ENGRESSIA along with his use of any telephone equipment whereby he could monitor long-distance telephone calls or make telephone long-distance calls without the knowledge of the telephone company. Also, at this time, and prior to any further interview, [redacted] was advised of his rights by SA [redacted] and at the conclusion signed a waiver of these constitutional rights.

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According to [redacted] he does know JOSEPH ENGRESSIA and has both talked and corresponded with him on numerous occasions.

[redacted] when he recalled watching JOSEPH ENGRESSIA in a guest appearance on the Huntley-Brinkley television program. On this program it was pointed out that ENGRESSIA was an electronics expert and that he was capable of orally emitting a perfect twenty-six hundred cycle tone which could be used to direct-distance dial any telephone number in the United States.

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has also talked to ENGRESSIA on several occasions.

On 8/27/69

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[redacted] claimed he last talked on the telephone with ENGRESSIA about two weeks ago. At that time ENGRESSIA told him that he suspected his telephone was tapped in Miami, Florida, and instructed [redacted] to contact him through another telephone number other than his private home numbers. ENGRESSIA also told him that he has not complained to the local telephone company about his telephone line being tapped but he believed it was tapped because he had discussed new electronic equipment systems over the telephone and that the telephone company is eager and anxious to learn about these new systems and has tapped his telephone line. [redacted] pointed out that ENGRESSIA did not mention that he had ever found any such tapping equipment on his telephone line and that other than the telephone company he appeared to know of no one else who would attempt to tap his telephone line.

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[redacted] was unable to recall the telephone numbers which he had used to call ENGRESSIA in Miami, Florida. He did state that he has telephonically dialed from his home a telephone number given to him by ENGRESSIA in Miami, Florida, and used in making this long-distance call a person-to-person type of call. When the party called in Miami, Florida, answers the telephone [redacted] states he asks for himself and thereby ENGRESSIA informs the operator that the party is not there and later returns the long-distance telephone call. They use this means so that ENGRESSIA knows he is supposed to call [redacted] in [redacted]. According to [redacted] ENGRESSIA apparently through "WATS" telephone line then communicates with [redacted] in [redacted].

When asked specifically regarding Miami telephone numbers 885-2522 and 885-2523, [redacted] stated he was not sure whether he had ever called ENGRESSIA by using these two local telephone numbers in Miami, Florida. [redacted] admitted he has not paid for telephone calls between himself and ENGRESSIA which would be long-distance telephone calls between [redacted], and Miami, Florida, because it was his opinion ENGRESSIA always paid for these calls since he would return the call to him. He did state that on several of these telephone calls many topics were included, including the "WATS", "AUTOVON", a military telephone system, and a new telephone computer system known as "ESS."

[redacted] claimed he did not have sufficient background information in order to build a "blue box." [redacted] was of the opinion that ENGRESSIA does have such knowledge and may have made a "blue box." [redacted] further claimed he did not have the ability to intercept and monitor local and long-distance telephone calls but that ENGRESSIA probably would have sufficient knowledge to monitor these telephone calls. He pointed out ENGRESSIA is an electronic genius with an extremely high IQ, who is blind.

The following is a description of [redacted]:

Name  
Date of birth  
Place of birth  
Marital status  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Race  
Education  
  
Employment  
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JOSEPH ENGRESSIA;

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Kansas City, Missouri

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[redacted] advised that through this investigation it was learned that [redacted] and Joseph Engressia, who resides in the Miami, Florida, area, were purportedly associates and through this association were utilizing the "blue box" in order to defraud the telephone company of revenue.

[redacted] also advised that he learned through another source (not revealed) that both [redacted] and Engressia have through the use of sophisticated electronic equipment intercepted and monitored other telephone long-distance toll calls. This sophisticated electronic equipment is purportedly located in both [redacted] and Engressia's residences.

It was also learned that Engressia allegedly was able to persuade the telephone officials in Miami, Florida, through some sort of a subterfuge to "strap" local Miami telephone numbers 885-2522 and 885-2523. Through this "strapping process" [redacted] and Engressia allegedly were able to telephonically communicate with each other without any

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[redacted]

[redacted] was interviewed by Special Agents [redacted] and [redacted] at his residence [redacted] [redacted], on August 27, 1969. At that time [redacted] furnished the following information:

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Reurairtel dated 8-30-69, with enclosed LHM.

Enclosed is a copy of an amended LHM which was disseminated to the Criminal Division.

You will note the LHM was declassified from a "confidential" rating.

In criminal matters such as IOC classification, symbol informants are not set out in details of reports or LHMs.

The enclosed amended LHM is being submitted for your information.

Enclosure

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (65-3885) (RUC)  
SUBJECT: CHANGED  
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JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR.;

[Redacted]  
SECURITY MATTER - ESPIONAGE;  
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

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The title of this communication is marked changed in order to include the full name of ENGRESSIA as JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR. and [Redacted] as an alias of [Redacted].

Re Miami tel 8/23/69, to Bureau, and Bureau tel 8/29/69, to Kansas City.

Enclosed are 5 copies of an LHM dated and captioned as above. Copies are being sent to Chicago and Tampa for information purposes since [Redacted] and since ENGRESSIA is a student at the University of South Florida, Tampa.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Miami, Florida  
September 1, 1969

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RE: [redacted]  
JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR.;

[redacted]

SECURITY MATTER - ESPIONAGE;  
INTERCEPTION OF COMMUNICATIONS

The following investigation was conducted to determine if [redacted] Joseph Engressia and [redacted], and [redacted] of [redacted] have violated any federal laws pertaining to the espionage statutes and statutes relating to the interception of communications by their alleged activities pertaining to telephone electronics.

Investigation

On August 28, 1969, [redacted] Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph (SBT&T) Company, Miami, furnished the following information:

Joseph Engressia, Jr., first came to the attention of the SBT&T Company in the Summer of 1968. At about the same time there was a routine trouble report in the middle of August, 1968, that was received by [redacted] showing a "blue box" in use on the telephone number [redacted] Miami, subscribed to by [redacted]

[redacted] explained that a "blue box" is a device that can be used to defraud the telephone company of the revenue from long distance toll calls. This device produces multi-frequency tones which enable the user to make long distance telephone calls and circumvent the billing equipment in the long distance network.

Investigation by [redacted] revealed that [redacted] has [redacted]

On November 7, 1968, [redacted] General Telephone Company, Tampa, Florida, called [redacted] and said that a Canadian Bell telephone employee had placed

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a call to the University of South Florida in Tampa advising the dean that a student, Joseph Engressia, had developed a means of cheating the telephone company on long distance calls and was selling this service to fellow students for \$1.00 each. On the basis of this report [REDACTED] began an investigation but before he could make any progress the dean at the University of South Florida called Engressia in and questioned him concerning this matter. As a result Engressia was suspended from school and fined \$25.00; however, he was reinstated with full honors shortly thereafter. It was developed by [REDACTED] that Engressia resided in Miami at 9050 Southwest 117th Avenue. He also was blind and a ham radio operator. It developed that Engressia was able to control the pitch of his voice to conform with tones that long distance telephone equipment reacts to and he was thus enabled to place long distance telephone calls through the network free of charge.

[REDACTED] produced several newspapers articles dated in November, 1968, which reflected that Engressia received considerable publicity at that time. These articles pointed out that he could whistle at 2600 cycles. One of these articles datelined Tampa, date not given, reflected that "to make a toll free call, said the youth, he would dial long distance information to any city. Before the operator answered, he said, he would do his whistling thing. First he would whistle the area code. If it were 212, for instance, he would whistle rapidly twice, pause, whistle once, pause, then twice again - all at 2600 cycles. Then he would whistle the seven digit local number in the same manner." This same article quoted [REDACTED] of the General Telephone Company by stating that he believed Engressia would be an asset to "our company." But I don't think he would be able to work for us because he would have to be on a part-time basis. This and other articles indicated that Engressia was regarded as somewhat of an electronic genius.

Concurrent with the above articles concerning Engressia, [REDACTED] was investigating a trouble report about a "blue box" on [REDACTED]. He studied SBT&T Company account computer printouts from August 17 to October 20, 1968, and from these he concluded that there was a "blue box" in use on telephone number [REDACTED] above mentioned. He continued his investigation to definitely establish the use of a "blue box" on this telephone number and thereafter he interviewed [REDACTED] concerning

RE: [REDACTED]  
 JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR.;

the matter.

In December, 1968, [REDACTED] interviewed [REDACTED] in the presence of the latter's attorney, at which time [REDACTED] admitted that he made magnetic recording tapes containing the various multi-frequency tones and that this magnetic tape could be placed into a telephone instrument and perform the same function as a "blue box." [REDACTED] also admitted producing such a tape for [REDACTED] for the sum of \$2.50. [REDACTED] agreed to discontinue his telephone activities providing the telephone company would not prosecute him for his previous fraud.

[REDACTED] advised that all of the information furnished by [REDACTED] proved to be true and that to his knowledge [REDACTED] has not participated in any illegal telephone activities since his agreement with the telephone company. Concerning [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he was also interviewed by investigators of the telephone company and [REDACTED] admitted his activities and surrendered the magnetic tape to the telephone company in Illinois.

On January 25, 1969, [REDACTED] interviewed Engressia concerning Engressia's interest in plans for a "blue box", at which time Engressia denied making a "blue box" but did admit discussing the possibilities of making a "blue box." Engressia was admonished by [REDACTED] at that time, pointing out that the use of a "blue box" was a violation of both state and federal laws.

On April 23, 1969, an employee of the SBT&T Company working at the Tuxedo central office, Miami, received a call from a man who identified himself as a "toll test desk man." He stated he was running some tests from Orlando and wanted two telephone numbers; namely, Tuxedo 5-2522 and Tuxedo 5-2523, which are unassigned, strapped in rotary with the sleeve lead removed. The SBT&T employee, thinking this was a legitimate test circuit complied. However, his foreman later became curious when notified and monitored on this arrangement. He observed a conversation on April 25, 1969, between two people, one of whom was in Tampa and another in Charlotte, North Carolina. There was a good deal of discussion that students at the University of South Florida were being supplied pairs of numbers which would allow toll free conversations. This could be accomplished by one student calling one number and the other student calling the second number at the same time and since the two numbers were strapped in rotary the two calling parties

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JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR.;

would be connected to each other. The fact that the sleeve lead had been removed resulted in no return battery to the calling numbers and therefore the billing equipment would not be activated.

As a result of the above SBT&T conducted additional investigation and determined that there were several pairs of telephone numbers strapped in rotary as described above in Miami, Orlando, and other cities in the United States. It was further determined that Joseph Engressia was definitely involved in these activities.

[REDACTED] advised that while his investigation is still pending concerning this type of activity he has disconnected all of the telephone numbers strapped as described above. He advised that to date his investigation has not uncovered any information indicating that Engressia or his associates have ever intercepted or monitored any telephone circuits including wats (wide area telephone service) or autovon (defense department circuits).

On August 28, 1969, [REDACTED] was interviewed in [REDACTED] telephone [REDACTED] stated that his legal name is [REDACTED] although he was born [REDACTED]. He resides [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] denied interception capability to intercept or knowledge of any interception of telephone conversations by himself or anyone else. He specifically denied any knowledge of interception of wats and/or autovon circuits.

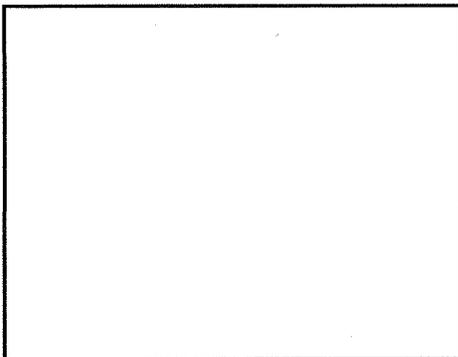
[REDACTED] admitted that he had previously produced a magnetic tape which contained multi-frequency tones and which could be used to circumvent the billing procedures of the long distance telephone network. He advised that he also produced and furnished a similar tape to [REDACTED] in Chicago. [REDACTED] acknowledged that he had been interviewed by SBT&T Company and agreed to desist in any further activities with regard to the telephone communications system. [REDACTED] advised that since his interview and agreement with the telephone company he has never used his telephone in any way other than in the normal manner.

RE: [redacted]  
JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR.;

[redacted] was acquainted with Joseph Engressia but has limited association with him at this time. He described Engressia as being obsessed with telephone equipment and communications whereas his interest is in the field of ham radio operations and audio recordings. He possesses ham radio license K4YSN. [redacted] advised he is unacquainted with [redacted].

The following description was obtained through interrogation and observation:

Name  
Also Known As  
Race  
Sex  
Date of Birth  
Place of Birth  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Complexion  
Peculiarities



On August 28, 1969, Joseph Engressia, Jr., 9050 Southwest 117th Avenue, Miami, telephone numbers 274-0760 and 271-9841, was interviewed in the radio shack at his residence. He admitted an intense interest in the telephone company systems and equipment. He advised that he is familiar with practices as to telephone test numbers, circuits, and operations of telephone companies. He exhibited an ability to whistle 2600 cycle notes which he said are utilized by telephone companies in their long distance toll network. He explained that he learned the majority of this information by trial and error using the two telephone numbers subscribed to by him, both of which are located in his radio shack and are touch tone instruments.

Engressia exhibited extensive knowledge of telephone numbers and area codes, reciting from memory these numbers. He advised that he makes numerous calls to various areas to engage in conversations with telephone company people, operators, friends, and fellow students. He revealed his knowledge of a "blue box" and a "black box." He described a "black box" as an inexpensive device which could be placed on a called telephone and would eliminate the billing toll from the number making the long distance call.

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JOSEPH CARL ENGRESSIA, JR.;

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He commented on the fact that he had been the subject of investigation by the SBT&T Company but that he did not want to violate any federal or state laws and he claimed that his activities were primarily for amusement and education. He stated that he has never intercepted or monitored wats or autovon circuits but is aware that autovon circuits exist at the Homestead Air Force Base, Florida.

He related that on one occasion he placed a telephone call to the Homestead Air Force Base and asked for the autovon operator, identified himself as a Navy Mars member, which he is, and he was provided by the operator with a circuit. He then called himself and hung up. He was motivated by the challenge to see if he could do this.

Engressia admitted that he is aware of Miami telephone numbers which would enable him to monitor a service representative in the business office of the SBT&T Company. He claimed that this is the only interception that he has ever made. He stated that he knew of no one capable of intercepting telephone calls and he denied that he has ever done this. Engressia admitted he was aware that the telephone company has busy verification trunks but that he has never been able to dial into these trunks or find out how this can be accomplished.

Engressia stated that after he received newspaper publicity in November, 1968, concerning his whistling tones, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted Engressia and expressed interest in his abilities along this line. Engressia admitted that subsequently he carried on telephone conversations with [REDACTED] through bridged rotary numbers. Engressia advised that he has by trial and error found two numbers strapped in rotary which numbers had been discontinued and were unassigned, and also had the sleeve lead removed. He stated that this condition sometimes occurs when the sleeve lead is accidentally broken or torn off the frame connection. He stated that when this condition is discovered it is then possible for two people to call these numbers at the same time, talk to each other and not be billed for a long distance call should the call be from out of town. He advised he has talked with his friends in Miami in this manner and he has also talked with friends living in other cities. In order to accomplish this it is necessary for a prearranged signal or agreement to be made in order that both calls will be placed at the same time. Engressia pointed out that person to person calls, collect calls, etc. can be used as a signal for the second party to make

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the telephone call to the rotary numbers.

Engressia denied any knowledge of [REDACTED] of Chicago.

Engressia stated that should he ever learn of any violation or of any interception of telephone communications by anyone, he would report this information to the appropriate authorities.

The following description was obtained through observation and interview:

Name	Joseph Carl Engressia, Jr.
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	May 25, 1949
Place of Birth	Richmond, Virginia
Height	5'10"
Weight	155
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Complexion	Fair
Peculiarities	Blind
Occupation	Ham radio operator, WA4JCT
Organizations	South Miami Radio Club; Civil Air Patrol; Navy Military Affiliate Radio Systems (affiliated with Navy in handling non-priority messages).
Family	[REDACTED]

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