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autoverify

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Abstract Memo from Ken Hopper regarding John Draper's use of the auto verify

system. This is the initial Bell laboratories memo on the topic, and is followed up by several additional memos and letters.

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RESTRICTED BELL SYSTEM SECURITY INFORMATION



subject: Bell System Security - Wiretapping and Eavesdropping - File 39865-13

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from: K. D. Hopper

ENGINEER'S NOTES

Through contacts in the FBI Laboratory, General Telephone of California and others the following has been learned:

On June 21, 1975, John Thomas Draper (alias Captain Crunch) reportedly entered a coin telephone booth at New York City and with the aid of a device successfully monitored a telephone call in progress from the FBI field office at San Francisco, telephone No. 552-2155, to the FBI resident agency office at Oakland, California, telephone No. 451-9782. This information is considered reliable, however is not confirmed.

On July 13, 1975, Draper again demonstrated his device, this time at a California location and successfully monitored a call from the FBI field office at San Francisco, telephone No. (415) 552-2155 to the Santa Cruz, California Sheriff's Office, telephone No. (408) 425-2122, 2431. Draper is reported to have recorded this call during the demonstration. This information has been confirmed by the FBI.

It has been determined that the 552 office is at 1 McCoppin Street, San Francisco and is No. 1 ESS, the 451 office is known as Glencourt 1 and is located at 1587 Franklin Street, Oakland and is also No. 1 ESS. The 425 office is in Santa Cruz, California and is No. 5 crossbar.

Pacific Telephone sources indicate that no dialed-up or MFKP accessed verification trunks or no-test facilities are installed at any of the three mentioned COs. Three CDOs are known to have dialed-up test arrangements, including verification. These points are Stinson Beach (415) 868, Inverness (415) 669, and Point Reyes (415) 663. All have "Badger Centraline 612" equipment which includes a 4-bit binary entry password and requires 60 IPM on tip to ring to trip answer.

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It is reported that the FBI office at Los Angeles is arranging to purchase a device and develop further information from an informant. Some very sensitive arrangements are involved and we have been cautioned to avoid indiscrete inquiries at this time. (Mr. Ryan of AT&T Security is familiar with this aspect.)

As of this writing, July 16, p.m., only the following individuals are known to have knowledge of this situation:

Jack Wilgus - Assistant Section Head, FBI, Washington, D.C. Jay Cochran - Assistant Director, FBI, Washington, D.C. Ray Brewer - Special Agent (Supv), FBI, Washington, D.C. Bob Jacobs - Special Agent, FBI, Los Angeles

James Amalong - AT&T Security Ray Ryan - AT&T Security

Walter Schmidt - General Telephone Company of California

Additionally, information has been requested from some individuals in regard to this matter, without revealing the details. These persons are:

George Alex - PT&T Security
Leo Rafferty - PT&T Security
Roland Zehr - PT&T Local Test Facility Engineer
Pete Rella - PT&T Engineering

We understand the following individual is knowledgeable in No. 1 ESS matters and is available for consultation in this matter, if necessary:

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