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Abstract Letter from Clarence M. Kelley, Director, Federal Bureau of investigation, to John D. deButts, chairman of the board, AT&T, regarding blue box interception of FBI telephone calls. "I am advised that information just developed and confirmed discloses a condition which permits any knowledgeable person using a blue box to intercept and monitor telephone conversations to and from the San Francisco FBI office, and other subscribers in that area. This is a most alarming situation and I request the full cooperation of your organization and its resources to assess the possibility for similar conditions elsewhere and to take immediate corrective action wherever they exist. It is requested that for purposes of this effort liaison with the FBI laboratory, Washington, DC, be established in order that I may be Advised of pertinent results."

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 23, 1975

Mr. John D. deButts
Chairman of the Board
American Telephone and Telegraph Company
195 Broadway
New York, New York 10007

Dear Mr. deButts:

I am advised that information just developed and confirmed discloses a condition which permits any knowledgeable person using a blue box to intercept and monitor telephone conversations to and from the San Francisco FBI Office, and other subscribers in that area.

This is a most alarming situation and I request the full cooperation of your organization and its resources to assess the possibility for similar conditions elsewhere and to take immediate corrective action wherever they exist.

It is requested that, for the purpose of this effort, liaison with the FBI Laboratory, Washington, D. C., be established in order that I may be kept advised of pertinent results.

Sincerely yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director