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SAN FRANCISCO — A 33-year-old electronics wizard, fined \$1,000 in 1972 for using a toy whistle to make a free phone call to Australia, has been indicted by a federal grand jury for placing free calls to Pennsylvania.

**John T. Draper**, who gained notoriety as "Captain Crunch," was accused of fraud by wire in making three calls on Feb. 20 from Menlo Park to Bethlehem, Pa.

The government accused Draper on Wednesday of using an electronic multifrequency signaling device capable of producing certain sounds and signals to make the calls illegally. . . .

**Draper got his nickname after he dis-**

**covered that toy whistles in Captain Crunch cereal boxes duplicated Bell Telephone Co. signals.**