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WASHINGTON — (AP) — Chairman Robert W. Kastenmeier announced yesterday his House Civil Liberties subcommittee will hold hearings next Tuesday on allegations of Bell system monitoring of private telephone calls.

"Equally worthy of scrutiny," the Wisconsin Democrat said in the announcement, "is the questionable relationship which has traditionally existed between telephone company officials and law enforcement agencies in the conduct of such invasions of privacy."

Witnesses will include William Caming, chief attorney for the Bell system, and Earl Conners, security chief for the Washington office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Co., Kastenmeier said.

An aide said allegations that the subcommittee will investigate include one that the Bell system monitored 30 million calls between 1965 and 1970.

A Bell spokesman said calls were monitored during that period to stop theft of long-distance calls.