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Title	<b>Transcript - Local news (WJR, MI) report titled "Phones Were Monitered"</b>
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Abstract	Brief WJR radio report on Michigan Bell's participation in the AT&T toll fraud surveillance program.
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Notes	Includes typed list of three other local broadcasts.

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CITY            Detroit

## PHONES WERE MONITORED

NEWSCASTER: MICHIGAN BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY officials have confirmed that Detroit area telephones were monitored in the mid 1960's in order to identify persons who used electronic gear to avoid paying for long distance calls. A spokesman says the effort was part of a nationwide program to crack down on freeloaders. The spokesman says if an initial ten second sampling of the calls showed it bypassed the Company's billing system, ninety seconds of the call was taped. A Bell Vice President says the Company was, in his words, 'getting ripped off because of the illegal calls.' He says no calls were violated by the Company and no innocent calls were completely monitored.