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Title	Excerpt from FBI File 62-HQ-31567: Memo regarding discussion with AT&T
Date	1966-06-01
Abstract	Brief memo reporting on an impromptu meeting between FBI Lab personnel at AT&T security while at another conference on call tracing related to the FAA. Mentions "the appreciation of the Security Group of AT&T for the Bureau's work in recent gambling raids in California concerning a 'blue box' operation. He mentioned that he had previously offered to give a demonstration to Bureau representatives of various gambling paraphenalia which had been used to steal service from the phone company..."
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Mr. Conrad

DATE: June 8, 1966

FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: CONFERENCE WITH [REDACTED]

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, 6/1/66

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At the conclusion of a conference relating to call tracing between Federal Aviation Agency and the American Telephone and Telegraph Company on 6/1/66 at which Bureau Laboratory representatives [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were present, [REDACTED] asked to speak with FBI Laboratory representatives in a short conference.

The following topics were discussed briefly with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company is in complete agreement with the Bureau's position. He stated there is a law enforcement conference to be held in Washington, D. C., in June and that the American Telephone and Telegraph Company will have a representative present. He expects that voice identification will come up at this conference. He states the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and Bell Laboratories are declining to do any voice identification work for Federal Government agencies or local law enforcement agencies and consider themselves no longer in this field. [REDACTED] indicated that he felt the FBI Laboratory was conducting work to

- 1 - Mr. Mohr
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Do we know what this is?

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Mr. Conrad from [redacted]

RE: CONFERENCE WITH [redacted]

AMERICAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY, 6/1/66

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evaluate [redacted] and although he did not refer local law enforcement agency inquiries, he did suggest to Federal agencies that they might contact the FBI Laboratory. This is in accordance with the Bureau's previous understanding with the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. [redacted] stated that [redacted] still is presenting them with a problem due to the wide publicity given him in two recent cases in which he testified in court. They are fearful that his premature introduction of "voiceprints" may work to the detriment of any ultimate forensic application this technique may have.

2. [redacted] expressed the appreciation of the Security Group of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company for the Bureau's work in recent gambling raids in California concerning a "blue box" operation. ("Blue box" is one of several devices for cheating the phone company billing equipment.) He mentioned that he had previously offered to give a demonstration to Bureau representatives of various gambling paraphernalia which has been used to steal service from the phone company. He apologized for his delay in setting this up but offered to bring the equipment to the Bureau at our convenience if there is currently an interest in seeing this demonstration.

3. [redacted] expressed the desire of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company Security Organization to be of service to this Bureau and requested we feel free to call upon them at any time. He asked to be remembered to Mr. Conrad.

ACTION:

This matter will be coordinated with the interested investigative divisions and arrangements will be made for a demonstration at a mutually agreeable time.