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Title           **Phone Freaks Invade Autovon**

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Abstract        Report by an NSA employee regarding a "joint NSA/FBI" investigation into phone phreaks. Concluded that access to AUTOVON was possible via Alaska. "S22 is evaluating tape recordings of interviews pertaining to serreptitious AUTOVON access by Phone Phreaks and other similar items of COMSEC interest and will report all findings to the Chief, S11." From January 1976 interview of two phone phreaks with FBI in Los Angeles, CA.

Keywords       NSA; AUTOVON; FBI; Alaska; Los Angeles, CA

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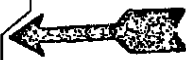
The FBI advised that an investigation conducted by their Los Angeles Field Office disclosed that "Phone Freaks" on the West Coast found a way of automatically entering the AUTOVON system. On 22-24 January 1976, a joint FBI/NSA team conducted an investigation in the Los Angeles and San Francisco areas to determine if and how access to AUTOVON is possible and the extent and purpose of doing so. Interviews with confidential sources, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] two Phone Freaks, and actual (b) (3)-P.L. 86-36 experimentation confirmed that access to AUTOVON is possible.

Such access is gained through Alaska which does not have a standard AUTOVON Switch. Ostensibly, the purpose of entering into AUTOVON is just to be able to do it; but one of the Phone Freaks interviewed stated that if he wanted to he could also create a Flush Override precedence and create havoc in the system. In fact, one of the procedures he described for entering the system through Alaska utilizes a Priority precedence. [REDACTED] S22, is evaluating tape recordings of interviews pertaining to surreptitious AUTOVON access by Phone Freaks and other similar areas of COMSEC interest and will report all findings to the Chief, S11 who has been designated the Office of Primary Interest (OPI). (b) (3)-P.L. 86-36

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