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Phone Company Upheld In Ban on Hush-a-Phone

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—The Federal Communications Commission today upheld regulations of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its affiliates prohibiting the use of the Hush-A-Phone. The Hush-A-Phone is a cup-like device which snaps on the telephone and provides supposed "privacy and quietness." The initial decision found that the instrument was a "foreign attachment" to company equipment and is therefore subject to A. T. & T. control.

The Hush-A-Phone Corporation of New York and its president, Harry C. Tuttle, appealed to the F. C. C. two years ago to order the telephone companies to authorize its use. Unrestricted use of the device could, in the commission's opinion, result in a general deterioration of the quality of telephone service.

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