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Reference is made to previous correspondence in captioned matter and your letter dated 10-30-61, furnishing technical data concerning the possible installations of MISUR surveillances in this case and advising that you would set up a simulated test circuit to determine what effects a 3000-ohm resistor across the telephone line will have on telephone service to Joe Diez.

The Laboratory has recently developed an [electronic switch] which utilizes the same principles as described on Pages 188 and 192 of the Handbook of Technical Equipment. The electronic switch has been substituted for the relay in the subject's premises. It is not, however, necessary to break the line for the insertion of the special relay as the [electronic switch] functions when bridged across the subscriber's telephone line.

The special SPMT device using the electronic switching technique measures 1 1/2" by 7/16" by 1/2". It is complete with a microphone, preamplifier and the electronic switch and can be connected directly across the subscriber's telephone line without affecting his telephone service. Tests have indicated that none of the routine tests made by the telephone company test desks nor tests with ohmmeters will reveal the presence of the device.

From the examinations in the Laboratory, it was determined that the [concealed] device can be concealed in the network of the Automatic Electric Company Model 80 telephone. It is not felt at this stage of the development that two instruments can be equipped with this device and operated on the same subscriber's telephone line.

NOTE: Tampa has authority to conduct MISUR survey on subjects in captioned case. They proposed (Cont'd next page)

- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Sullivan (Attn.: Mr. Donohue)
- 1 - Mr. Evans (Attn.: Mr. Sheridan)
- 1 - Bufile 80-760 (RFMT)
- 1 - Bufile 80-772 (Microphone-Telephone, Single Pair)

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It is noted that there is some concern on the part of the telephone company as to what effect the installation of equipment across the telephone line would have on the ringing of the subscriber's telephone instrument. While the Laboratory has no facilities to check the effect on ringing in a system using the frequencies set forth in your letter of 10-30-61, it is felt that the impedance of the unit is sufficiently high that ringing will not be affected.

In order that the Laboratory may have a complete diagrammatic layout of the subjects' services, it is desired that you submit cable prints of the feeder and distribution cables in the areas in close proximity to the subjects' residences as well as the area you propose for a monitoring site or sites. You should ascertain from sources in the General Telephone Company of Florida, the identity of a normally closed ringing relay that will respond to the ringing frequencies of the lines involved and advise the Bureau the source of the relays. In addition, you should ascertain the ringing voltage, talk voltage and operate current for subjects' telephone service.

You will note that emphasis has been placed on the use of the telephone instrument for disguise. You may determine, after a survey, that you have a telephone service outlet which will afford better microphone coverage than the telephone instrument. If such is the case, the electronic switching device can be bridged across the line at the outlet or at any place where security and time permit concealing the microphone, electronic switch and its associated wires and connecting same to the subject's telephone line.

In the event you are able, through telephone company cooperation or otherwise, to substitute a telephone instrument which has been altered to incorporate the new electronic switching equipment for one now in service in subjects'

NOTE: the use of [RFMT] type of coverage, but Laboratory tests indicate that telephone sets used for subjects cannot be activated by [RFMT] unit. Tampa next considered [SPMT] type of installation. Laboratory questioned effect of such a low value of jumper resistor, required for this type of installation, would have on ringing of telephones in the area. The Laboratory has now developed an electronic switch circuit which should not affect ringing of telephones in the area. For details of electronic switch circuit see memorandum R. L. Millen to Mr. Conrad captioned "SPMT - Electronic Switching Circuit," 11-27-61

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residences or office, you should advise the Laboratory which of the instruments you have previously furnished for experimental purposes should be altered. You should allow the Laboratory at least 72 hours to alter and test the instrument.

The telephone instruments previously submitted to the Laboratory will be retained in the Laboratory pending a decision by you concerning the possibility of altering the sets for instant operation.

In the event your survey indicates that a MISUR can be securely installed, you should submit a request for installation authority.

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