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GABRIEL MANNARINO, aka
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re your letter 1-25-60, and your airtel 3-1-60, concerning proposed misur coverage of subject's cottage.

The Bureau is in agreement with the conclusion previously stated in your letter dated 1-25-60, that use of twisted-pair telephone drop wire by local telephone company precludes use of Bureau's disguised four-conductor parallel type drop wire on proposed misur installation. Appearance of parallel type drop wire in an area where twisted-pair drop wire is used exclusively would arouse curiosity of telephone company employees and possibly would also be noticed by subject. Its use would present a definite security hazard to the misur installation.

The Laboratory has on previous occasions attempted to have disguised four-conductor twisted-pair type drop wire manufactured for use under conditions such as encountered in this case. It has not been possible to obtain this type wire because of production difficulties encountered in attempting to conceal an extra wire within the thin insulation of the twisted-pair type telephone drop wire.

The misur installation proposed in your airtel dated 3-1-60, is not approved since no suitably disguised drop wire is available for microphone egress from the cottage.

NOTE: Pursuant to Bureau authority, Pittsburgh completed a survey of subject's cottage with recommendation that radio-microphone type equipment be installed. The Laboratory recommended against this type equipment because equipment not suited for long term installation. Use of the various Microphone-Telephone type installations suggested by Pittsburgh have been ruled out because they involve telephone taps. As an alternative to these methods, Pittsburgh suggested use of disguised four-conductor telephone drop wire. The Laboratory has suitably disguised four-conductor drop wire of parallel type similar to that in use throughout the U. S. in the Bell System and in most independent telephone companies, but has no disguised four-conductor drop wire of twisted type which would be required for suggested installation. When twisted-pair drop wire was in more general use, the Laboratory attempted to (continued on next page)

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ReBuairtel, 2/10/60, Pittsburgh airtel, 2/4/60, Buairtel, 2/1/60,
and Pittsburgh letter, 1/25/60.

In regard to obtaining the desired misur coverage of the subject's
cottage, the following proposal is submitted for the Bureau's
consideration.

This proposal is based on two assumptions:

1. That the subject will request telephone service
within the next few months. This assumption could be verified by
pretext inquiry but it is not deemed discreet to do so at this
time. Therefore, if this proposal is approved, it will be
understood that it is possible that the necessary preparations
might be wasted if the subject does not request telephone service.
On the other hand, if preparations are delayed until telephone
service is requested, it may well be that no opportunity will
present itself to make the interior portion of the installation.

2. That it will be possible to discreetly install an
appropriate disguised four-conductor drop line from the road to
the subject's cottage. There are two alternatives.

The first alternative would be to attempt to use available parallel
type disguised line. The Kittanning Telephone Co., which would
serve the cottage, does not use this type of line. Instead, they
use a twisted-pair type of line in all instances where the Bell
Telephone Co., would use parallel type. If an exception was made
in this case, it would undoubtedly make Kittanning linemen curious.
It is believed that a suitable pretext could be given them by our
contact with the Engineering Department of the company, however.
It is doubtful that the subject would notice the exception but this
possibility of course exists. Another, and perhaps a more serious

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consideration, is the fact that it might prove impossible to disguise the pole-end termination of the extra pair so that it would not be obvious to a telephone lineman.

The second and preferable alternative would be for the Laboratory to obtain or have made approximately 275 yards of disguised four conductor twisted-pair drop line. A sample of the type normally used by the Kittanning Telephone Co., is being forwarded to the Laboratory under separate cover. They buy this wire from the Whitney-Blake Co., but also occasionally get a similar type from Graybar. If such disguised wire can be furnished then a more discreet installation could be made. There would be no possibility of the subject becoming curious and it would be possible to appropriately disguise the pole termination of the extra pair. It is felt that, if necessary, the disguised twisted pair could be made slightly larger without being noticed. Because of the relatively long distance over which such a disguised drop line will have to be carried, care would be necessary to assure that the wires were large enough to offer low electrical resistance and strong enough to support themselves. It has been learned that a total of three support poles will be used between the road and the cottage (a distance of about 225 yards).

In this proposal, it is assumed that the Laboratory will be able to obtain the desired disguised twisted-pair line.

It is proposed that, as soon as adequate security can be obtained, this office install 3 Mouse units in the manner and locations illustrated on Figure 5 of Pittsburgh letter dated 1/25/60. With the exception of the Sigma relay, limiting resistors and subject's telephone line, the leads to these Mouse units would be connected as illustrated on the sketch attached to Pittsburgh airtel dated 2/4/60. The leads for the Mouse units would, of course, eventually be connected to the extra pair in the proposed drop line.

Once the above portion of the installation is completed, it will be necessary to wait until the subject requests telephone service. When he does so, arrangements will be made to install the disguised drop line from pole 29 (see figure 6 of Pittsburgh letter dated 1/25/60), to the cottage. It will be hoped that the Mouse units can be connected to the extra pair at the same time the subject's instrument is installed.

Once these portions are completed, steps would be taken to obtain a leased line extending from pole 29 to the central plant in the Pittsburgh Office.

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By reversing the Mouse power supply polarity it should be possible to obtain selective coverage with the subject's cottage.

Costs of the leased line were discussed in Pittsburgh letter dated 1/25/60.

If it is possible to obtain the desired disguised wire and this proposal is approved, it is requested that the Laboratory forward two additional Mouse pre-amp units and one additional power supply.