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The following is technical information for review by the sound trained agents assigned your Division.

In a letter dated 2/10/65 in captioned matter, you furnished line information of the telephone service for captioned individual's home, and inquired whether or not the Radio-Frequency Microphone-Telephone (RFMT) or the Zener Activated Microphone (ZAM) techniques could be used to effect MISUR coverage.

It is necessary to alter a Western Electric 500 type telephone instrument to make it respond to the RFMT unit. It follows, therefore, that entry must be made into the target area to complete installation. If entry is necessary, there are other techniques such as the SPMT and 4-wire devices which should be considered before resorting to the use of a classified technique requiring extremely tight protective custody.

In general, the ZAM unit follows the same installation procedures and uses the same line switching principles as the SPMT device set forth in Chapter 26, Part I, Page 181 of the Handbook of Technical Equipment. A special microphone unit, known as a ZAM, must be installed at a point in the target area where it can be connected directly across the telephone line. The ZAM may be disguised in a number of different configurations, for example, in a 42A connecting block, in an auxiliary ringer, in the network of a telephone instrument, in a block measuring 1 9/16 inches long, 9/16 inch wide and 2/8 inch thick, etc. The target telephone line must be looped through a local plant between the telephone central office and the target area. While it is desirable to loop the target line through a plant by adding a minimum length of wire, there are installations of record where spare pairs of wires are used to develop the loop circuit.

The Bureau has a limited number of especially designed remote control SPMT switching units for special applications. A secure place with 110 volt AC must be provided for looping the

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target telephone line through the remote control switching equipment. The remote control switching equipment is housed in three cases, two measuring 7 1/4 inches wide, 7 3/4 inches long and 4 1/4 inches high, and one measuring 11 1/2 inches wide, 15 inches long and 5 3/4 inches high. The space should be as dust free as possible and accessible for periodic maintenance checks.

If, after receiving authorization to make a survey of the target area, you desire specific details concerning the possible use of the ZAM or other techniques in this case, submit cable prints, cable records showing multiple appearances, block diagrams showing drop wire and cable distribution points for the target area and all multiple appearances of the target line as well as multiple appearances of spare pairs at target working appearance, to the Electronics Section of the Laboratory. Too, it will be helpful to know those points where apspare pair is available for a leased line to the central monitoring plant.

This information is for technical assistance of the sound trained Agents in your Division and does not constitute authority to make a MISUR survey in captioned case.