

A. Well, let me say first that the Democratic legislative leaders that I have talked to as recently as this morning claim they have not instigated any such investigation. I would like to know specifically who has asked for the investigation. I have been very consistent in my feeling that phone tapping should never be done. I have made some statements to this assembly on other occasions about my feelings on wiretapping. I would not under any circumstances ever consider tapping anyone's telephone. I have been concerned about my own security in this respect and confess to the fact that I have my office checked periodically to make certain it isn't bugged.

Q. Have you ever found anything?

A. We didn't find any actual microphone or bug devices but we did find, when I first moved in here, a wire running from the Capitol dome down through the walls into a ventilator that in the judgment of the people who did the check could very easily have once held a microphone.

Q. Governor, you have the resources of the State Police at hand. Have they checked into this at all?

A. The first I have heard of these charges was last night — late — and I don't know who's making them, but I make it a practice not to check charges unless I see where they are coming from.

Q. Orville Wright has confirmed that the check was requested by Speaker Mandel and Senate President James and it has been cleared through Mercer Smith.

A. Speaker Mandel informs me as of this morning that he has requested no check.

Q. Do you think they are without foundation, Governor?

A. Well, I don't know. I have to believe the Speaker when he says he is not concerned about the situation and has not requested a check.

Q. What light does that put Mr. Wright in then?

A. I don't know. I haven't talked with Mr. Wright and he hasn't talked to me.

(National Guard)

Q. Governor, General Gelston said yesterday that the 28th Division has the highest priority for call-up under the plan under consideration by the Joint Chiefs of Staff. If they are called up, he said he believes that there is a very good chance that the State's riot control effectiveness would be cut by 75 to 80 percent. We'd lose 50 percent of our men and 75 to 80 percent of our veterans. If this occurs, will