

You may think your conversation is private but

WALLS HAVE EARS

There appears to be little control in Britain over the manufacture and sale of bugging devices. ETI has been investigating the current situation.

IT WILL COME as a big surprise to most readers that bugging is not in itself a criminal offence. Plant an RF bug in an office during working hours, listen in on highly confidential discussions and the worst that you'll be got for — if you're caught — is operating a transmitter without a licence. Technically you could also be had for listening to 'an unauthorised transmission' but we know of no such prosecutions.

● Top secret. Illustrated export catalogue details 20 ready built security devices, automatic surveillance receiver, pen microphone, mini-radio mics, telephone operated devices (infinity harmonics etc.), electronic stethoscopes and many more.

The Younger Committee on Privacy which reported in 1972 quite rightly recommended that bugging in any form should be an offence, in itself, but it has not yet been acted upon.

How serious is bugging?

In researching this feature we found ourselves continually coming up against stony silence — few people are prepared to discuss the subject and none would agree to having their comments personally attributed. Try

to talk to a company that's advertising bugs and ten-to-one he'll tell you he's now stopped, but he will supply you with equipment to 'sweep' your office (the technical term for finding other people's bugs).

It is possible to get some idea of the scale of things however. There are about ten companies in Britain openly advertising bugs — most of them appear to be very small. Even so this indicates that sales are unlikely to be worth less than £100,000 a year and since bugs are cheap, literally thousands are sold every year.

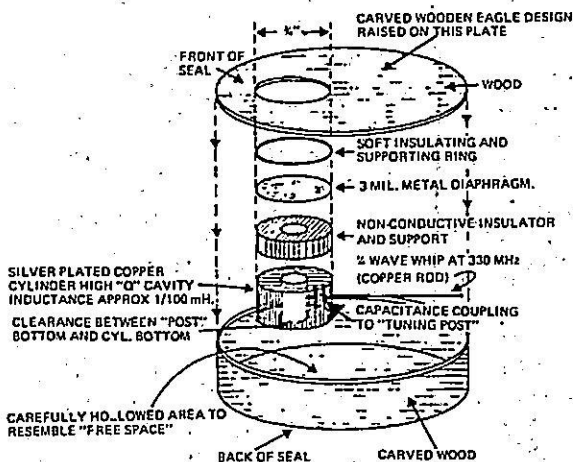
Most technical publications (this includes ETI) refuse to accept advertisements for these devices on

the grounds that they are undesirable, not because we are not allowed to.

Where are these bugs used then? We suspect that the overwhelming number are bought as toys and not for any devious purpose but this still leaves probably several hundred that are bought for their stated purpose: of listening in on other people's business.

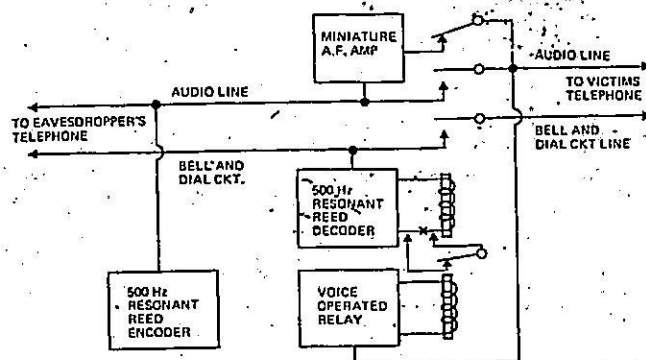
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Arrangement of an infinity transmitter used to eavesdrop on sounds in a room thousands of miles away using the telephone as the microphone.

Exploded view of the US Great Seal presented to the American Embassy in Moscow in 1945. This ingenious device was passive in operation and could not be detected by most of today's anti-bugging equipment. When you appreciate that this was devised 33 years ago it makes one wonder how sophisticated modern-day intelligence equipment must be.

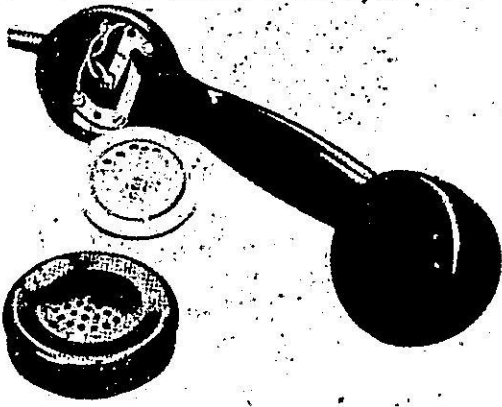


about your competitor's business. There are several ways of finding this out, the commonest is to head-hunt a senior employee but his information is quickly out-of-date once he has left. Even knowing what's going on in R&D has serious limitations since even the staff in these departments don't know if their work will eventually get into production.

Bribery has been tried but you run the very serious risk of meeting one of the 95% of employees who would report it to their boss.

Bugging is anonymous. Even if the bug is found, it's almost impossible to find out who planted it and since the

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This telephone insert looks pretty standard. In fact it contains an FM radio transmitter with a range of several hundred metres.

risks to a company initiating bugging are enormous, middlemen are almost always used.

Superbug, not just another bug, high stability FM transmitter, with 20 mile range. Minibug, under than matchbox, 5 miles range. (not kits, ready for use), best value available, see for details.

Sweeping

Many, if not most of the companies selling bugs will also supply sweeping equipment — after all a radio signal is easier for someone close to the transmitter to pick up than it is for someone a hundred metres away — or is it? First you don't know what frequency it's operating on. It could in theory be from 50 kHz (though the antenna would be a problem) up to several hundred megahertz. OK, use an untuned circuit but then what do you do about regular radio and TV

broadcasts? If you set the frequency of the bug close to that of a powerful FM station it's difficult to sort out the two.

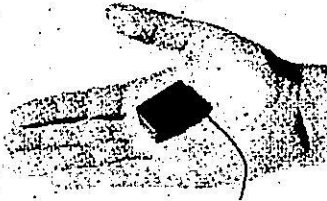
The makers of the equipment are highly secretive about their techniques and not one would discuss technicalities; they claimed, perhaps with some justification, that if you know how the sweeping is done, its all the easier to use a technique which won't be picked up. We believe many of them employ a howl-round technique — put a receiver near a bug and you'll set up an audio/RF loop which will go into oscillation.

Micro transmitters, receivers, electronic stethoscopes, etc., complete range of professional equipment available, send 4/2p stamp for fully illustrated catalogue, local agents in many areas.

International Espionage

Although companies will normally keep quiet about attempts to bug them, Governments delight in exposing the failed attempts.

The American Embassy in Moscow recently announced that they were being subjected to extremely high



A small bug openly advertised in Britain. Claimed to have a range of 200 metres with a 50-hour battery life, it retails for under £40.



The size of this bug can be judged from the PP3 battery plug. It is claimed to have an output of 300 mW which the makers claim is good for 5 miles and can be supplied with any frequency in the range 84-150 MHz. We have no way of verifying these claims; price is about £16.

power, high frequency radio signals. It was of such a magnitude that it was even suggested that it was an attempt deliberately to make the staff ill. It is now thought far more likely that the RF signals were being used to recharge batteries in bugs within the building.

In 1945, as a gesture of good will, the Russians presented the US Embassy in Moscow with a beautiful wooden carving of the US Great Seal. After several years it was discovered that that this had built into it a wonderfully simple bug. Inside the seal was a copper cavity coupled to an antenna; one end of the cavity was covered by a thin metal diaphragm.

The bug was activated by an external RF signal (in fact 330 MHz)— this made the cavity resonate but the diaphragm caused the reradiated signal to be modulated and this to relay conversations near the Seal. This could still have been in operation

DISSECTING A BUG

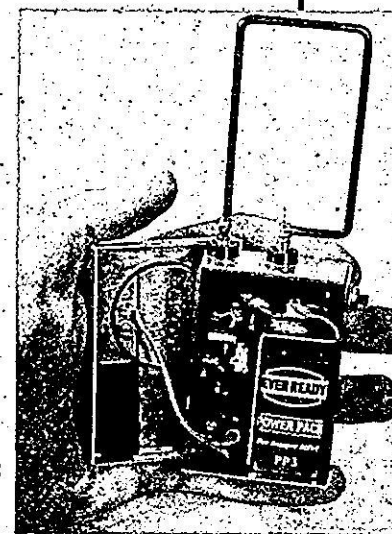
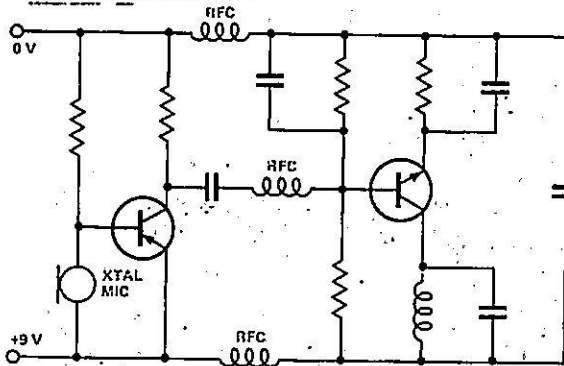
THE RF BUG shown in the photograph is a home-brew one that came into ETI's possession. The circuit was openly published in a British book a few years ago — we show the circuit as well although we have not, nor will we, provide any component values. (Since there are several variables we do not suggest you 'suck-it-and-see'.)

Although a DIY circuit, it would seem that virtually all the smaller or simpler bugs are of similar complexity or even similar circuitry.

This bug operates anywhere in the 87 MHz-108 MHz range and despite the simplicity and low battery drain (only a few milliamps) it will transmit a fair quality signal for several hundred metres in most areas and at least 30 metres even in heavily built-up areas

with steel-frame buildings like city centres.

The microphone will pick up normal speech at 10 metres quite easily. The performance, frankly, is worrying — because of the effectiveness — and the unit can be built for about £3!



Complete circuit of a VHF bug which can be built for only a few pounds!

if some British technicians had not stumbled across the signal by accident. A thorough subsequent 'sweep' of the US Embassy brought to light no less than 60 other devices!

It is hardly surprising that British Intelligence Services are involved as well. The Russian Embassy in London moved a year or so ago and when access to the building became possible it could be seen the lengths to which the Russians went to prevent eavesdropping, even to having built a room within a room. Various bits of information have leaked out that Intelligence Services were directing a low power laser at the window glass; this would then have been slightly modulated by the sound inside the room and the reflection picked up could detect this.



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One of the techniques which has recently come to light is that of 'RF flooding' of a telephone. Even when the phone is on the hook, the RF can 'jump' the contacts. This is then modulated by the microphone and can be picked up. As it can only be used with single lines, a switch-board defeats this technique.

The other phone tapping technique, the 'infinity transmitter' is also made useless with a switch-board. Many company executives use direct lines for security whereas the switch-board itself is a pretty good defence against some techniques.

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ARE YOU BEING BUGGED?

THE BIGGEST PROBLEM facing someone wishing to bug another is gaining access. Breaking and entering is obviously criminal but a bug can be installed literally in one minute if some risk of the device being discovered is acceptable. Unless the villains have access to a building during building or decorating work, problems in siting the bug are real — well-concealed hiding places are usually bad for picking up sound. Favourite sites reported to us are in low pressure air-conditioning vents and behind radiators — another one is on sticky pads under a desk, somewhere which would not be noticed for years.

A simple search is best and most bugs will be discovered unless a true expert has been employed.

The extent of telephone bugging is unlikely to be high — access is so difficult that only the Intelligence services will be able to handle this. In any case electronic telephone scramblers can overcome this.

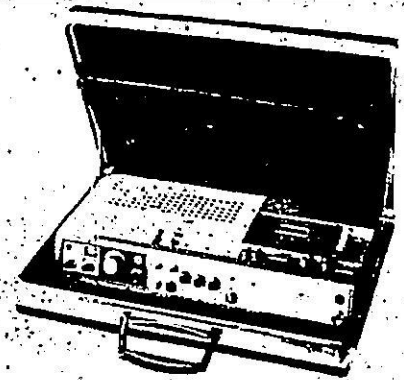
If you regard yourself as a candidate for bugging, check the credentials of Post Office engineers: if you haven't called them in yourself. But don't be fooled by the novelists who seem to insist that 'two ominous clicks' after the telephone is lifted is a certain indication that there is an unwanted listener on the line.

with the strictest laws against bugging and phone tapping. This could be because the problem there is greater but no amount of legislation is going to prevent the availability of equipment — the profits are too great.

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The range of equipment is so varied and the interest so keen that in the Spring of 1977 a full scale exhibition of both bugging and anti-bugging devices was held in West Germany — a country which

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A real spy kit advertised for 'the professional'. A 6-channel transmitter operating on VHF or short wave is supplied — there is a matching receiver. Also included is a cassette recorder mains operation facilities.

incidentally bans sales . . . except if it is marked as 'Export Only'. It's surprising how many retail outlets regard themselves in this field!

The Future

However superior anti-bugging equipment becomes, the number of ways of eavesdropping electronically is so varied and the techniques developed for keeping the devices undiscovered so ingenious, it seems that bugs and bugging are not likely to become any less of a problem.

Legislation may not stop bugging but it can raise the risk factor to such a level that those practising it will think carefully.

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Receives on a VHF Radio

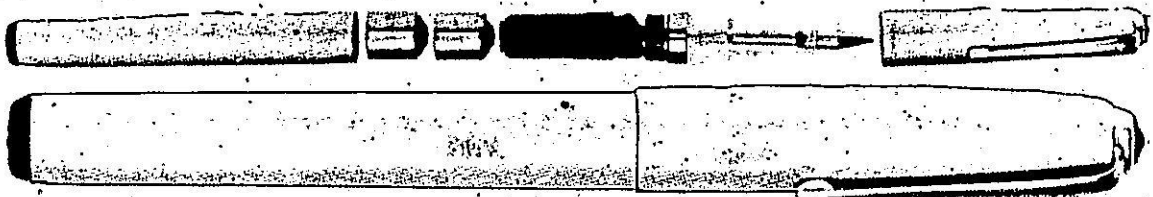
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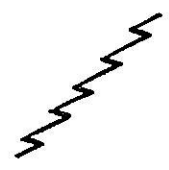
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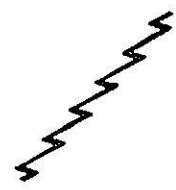
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- ✱ "BUGGED" APPLIANCES, (lamps, ashtrays, etc.)
- ✱ HOW BUGGING DEVICES ARE INSTALLED-- and where.
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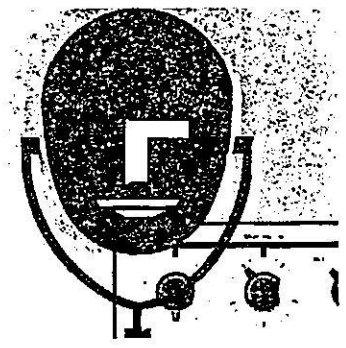
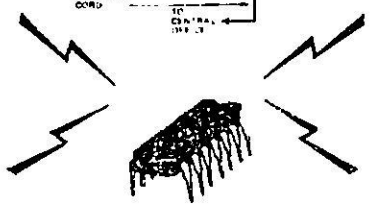
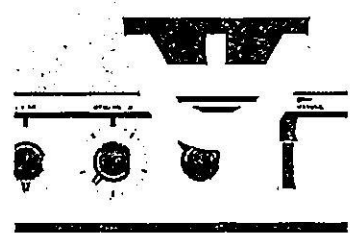
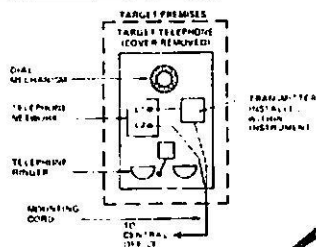
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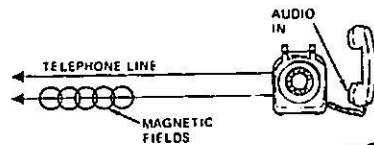
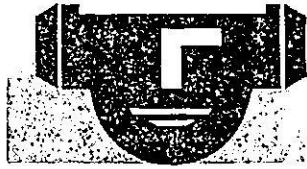
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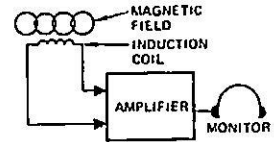
This easy to understand book provides more information than is available from many, six-hour security seminars costing hundreds of dollars. It is not a technical book, but it does a fine job of explaining an otherwise complicated subject, in ordinary, down-to-earth terms.

If you are one of those who hears about electronic surveillance and wonders how it is done, **ELECTRONIC SPYING** is the book you've been looking for!





ELECTRONIC SPYING



As the disturbing realities of Big Brother technology become more and more apparent, through an increasing number of news reports of wiretapping and other forms of electronic surveillance, even the most ordinary citizen is beginning to wonder if it is "safe" to talk on the telephone and if his or her most intimate, private conversations and actions are secure from deliberate eavesdropping. The truth is the ordinary citizen would be astounded to know how easy it is for anyone with a little motivation and simple know-how to listen to and/or make tape recordings of the private conversations and activities of others.

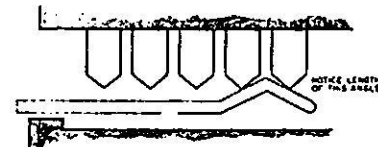
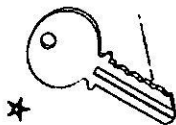
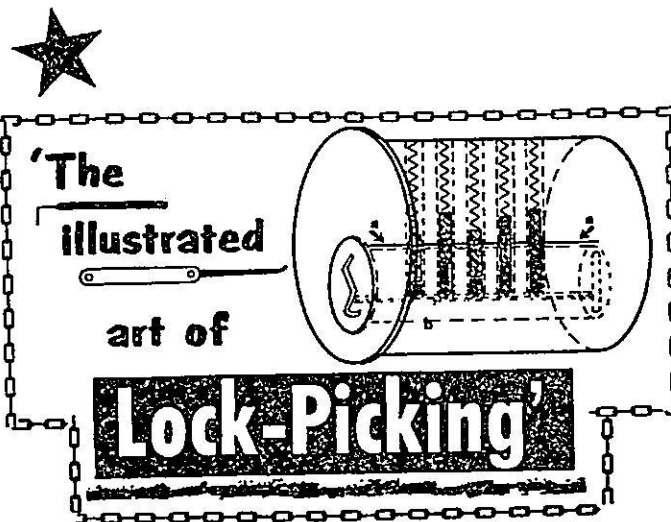
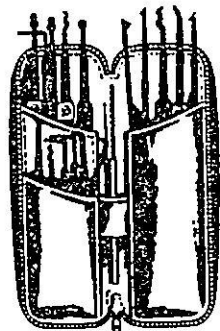
Electronic surveillance once was a secretive, mysterious, "dark science," which was practiced only by extremely knowledgeable technicians and specially-trained intelligence operatives, but this is no longer true. Because of the phenomenal growth and development of electronics technology it is now possible for anyone with the slightest motivation to tap a phone line, or bug a room, with the aid of a wide variety of inexpensive, readily-obtainable gadgets-- most of which are purchased openly from electronics dealers or by mail-order. This is an era of amateur spying, in which countless thousands of corporate boardrooms, ordinary bedrooms, "private" offices and telephone lines are being efficiently monitored, both by professional operatives and novices alike, some of whom barely understand how a flashlight works!

ELECTRONIC SPYING is the non-technical reader's most fluent source of information on this sensitive, secretive subject. It describes a wide variety of devices and how they are used, dispelling the myths and clarifying the realities of the very real threat of privacy invasion. This is a no-nonsense, "nuts & bolts" material, written in plain language by an experienced counter-surveillance specialist. It contains many photographs and illustrations, but no complicated schematics or theoretical text.

Unlike other, "suggestive" materials on the subject this book is quite explicit, showing exactly how bugs and wiretaps work-- and how they are used by amateurs as well as expert spies. One chapter is devoted to a very simplified explanation of telephone wiring, leaving no question as to how vulnerable it is to tapping, exactly how it is done, and the incredibly simple devices used to do it.

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You know that the Russians secretly installed countless microphones in the concrete work of the American Embassy building in Moscow. They converted what was to be an embassy and private residence into the most sophisticated recording studio the world had ever

known. The building had to be torn down in order to remove all the bugs.

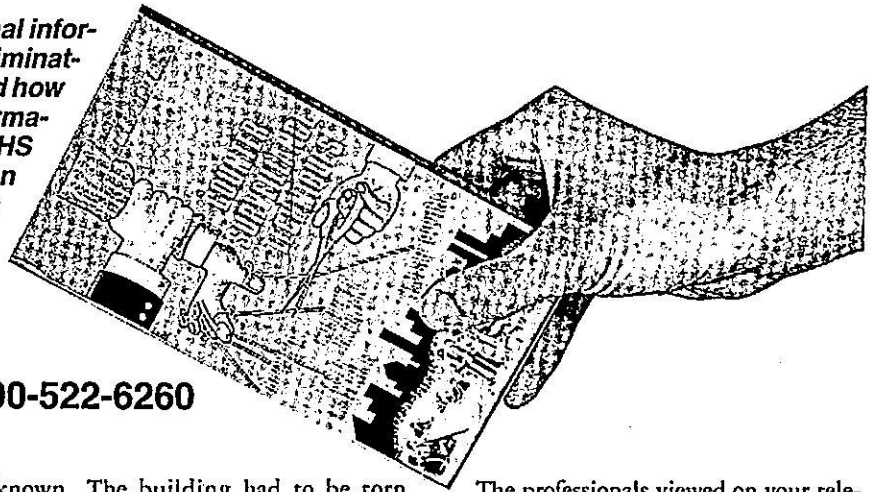
Stolen Information

The open taps from where the information pours out may be from FAX's, computer communications, telephone calls, and everyday business meetings and lunchtime encounters. Businessmen need counselling on how to eliminate this information drain. Basic telephone use coupled with the user's understanding that someone may be listening or recording vital data and information greatly reduces the opportunity for others to purloin meaningful information.

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The professional is not without his tools. Special equipment has been designed so that the professional can sweep a room so that he can detect voice-activated (VOX) and remote-activated bugs. Some of this equipment can be operated by novices, others require a trained countersurveillance professional.



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