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In a memorandum dated July 6, 1961, Mr. Evans recorded Mr. Kennedy's remark, noted that there was serious question as to whether the Attorney General was aware of the difference between a technical and a microphone surveillance, and asked for permission to discuss this subject with the Attorney General. The Director approved, and Mr. Evans saw Mr. Kennedy in regard to this matter on July 7, 1961. Mr. Evans recorded this discussion with the Attorney General in a memorandum dated July 7, 1961. (Exhibit 58) The following pertinent quotation is taken from this memorandum:

"It was pointed out to the Attorney General that we had taken action with regard to the use of microphone surveillances in these cases (organized crime investigations) and while they represented an expensive investigative step, we were nevertheless utilizing them in all instances where this was technically feasible and where valuable information might be expected. The strong objections to the utilization of telephone taps as contrasted to microphone surveillances was stressed. The Attorney General stated he recognized the reasons why telephone taps should be restricted to national-defense-type cases and he was pleased we had been using microphone surveillances where these objections do not apply wherever possible in organized crime matters."

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