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At the bottom of the window walls facing northward is a metal hood covering a baseboard type finned heating pipe. At the juncture of the common wall this pipe, less its fins, penetrates from LEATH's apartment through the common wall which is approximately 14" thick at this point into an area apparently inside a similar hood covering in ALEX's apartment. Using a "Tosa" with a glass tube penetrating through the common wall," reception of the ringing of ALEX's telephone gave indication that an installation of this type could be successful in picking up voices in ALEX's apartment.

Should this installation be approved, a 24 guage two-conductor cable would be led from the microphone and led westward along the window wall inside the hood previously mentioned. The hood terminates at LEATH's west wall and it is believed that the baseboard could be pried back sufficiently to accept the cable which would have to run approximately 18 feet to a point where it could enter a <u>flesh-mounted</u> telephone outlet. This outlet has a six pair cable, one pair which is used for LEATH's service. This cable terminates in a wire closet on the ninth floor, one floor beneath apartment of ALEX, and it is anticipated that a leased line service can be secured to the Chicago Office consolidated plant without charge.

Inasmuch as the afore-mentioned service, of necessity, had to be conducted when ALEX's apartment was empty, the quality of a misur on this target will not be determined until the installation would be accomplished.

Should authorization be received, LEATH will not in any way be apprised of the fact that a technical operation has been installed and that the conductor passes through his apartment.

It is recommended that the Bureau authorize Chicago to install a misur of ALEX in the manner indicated above.

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