

Since we have had reports pursuant to our request, I should like to give you the reports that came to the attention of the Commission. We can give you figures.

(The following information was subsequently submitted:)

Information supplied by the Bell Telephone System showing number of convictions of abusive callers in areas served by the Bell System:

	<i>Convictions</i>
1965 -----	358
1966 -----	788
1967 -----	1, 105

Mr. BROTZMAN. You can do that. Thank you.

I have no further questions, Mr. Chairman.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I note in your statement, Mr. Chairman, that the Commission requests of the Bell Telephone System to compile statistics on the number of calls on which they receive complaints, and you further state that the Bell System totals about 80 percent of the Nation's telephones.

These figures that you give, do they just relate to the Bell System?

Mr. HYDE. That is correct.

Mr. KORNEGAY. You do not have figures on the remaining 20 percent of the Nation's phones insofar as complaints?

Mr. HYDE. No, we do not. The statement that our figures relate to Bell is correct.

Mr. KORNEGAY. As indicated by the testimony and in addition to that, the complaints are growing at a very rapid rate.

Mr. HYDE. Yes, but I think, Mr. Chairman, we should take cognizance of the fact that a lot of attention has been given to the subject and notice that both the telephone company and regulatory agencies are trying to do something about this might have resulted in more people asking for assistance.

I think, too, that we ought to remember that we are dealing here with statistics based on complaints which, of course, will not be a full measure of the extent of this evil.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Of the extensive nature of the evil going on?

Mr. HYDE. That is right.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I interpret your statement to mean that there is a sufficient number of evil calls to justify some action on the part of the Commission, the Attorney General, and the Congress.

Mr. HYDE. Yes, sir; I fully agree with that. It is a very distressing thing. I have had some particular instances come to my attention, and it is something that we should undertake to curtail just as far as possibly can.

Mr. KORNEGAY. I am in complete agreement with your statement, and congratulate you and the Commission for supporting these bills and coming here today and giving very good testimony to indicate that we, the Congress, need to do something about it.

Mr. HYDE. Thank you very much. If we can be of any further assistance, we shall be pleased to do so.

Mr. KORNEGAY. Thank you very much.

Our next witness will be Col. William A. Temple from the Department of Defense. Colonel Temple, would you come around?

If you will have a seat, we will recess the subcommittee hearings for just about 2 minutes.

(Brief recess.)