

The TSCM Approach

After wearing the "Black Hat" for a few minutes we can all see that their problems are as great as ours. What we need to examine now is our response to the threat. We will be looking at the various types of services offered, the philosophy or approach employed and the major problems we will encounter.

TSCM Services

Basically, four different types of services are available and are:

1. TSCM Surveys
2. TSCM Monitors
3. TSCM Inspections
4. Pre-Construction Consultations

TSCM Surveys:

A full survey is, as the name implies, a maximum response. It incorporates extensive analysis and examinations of the target area. Basically we accomplish an R.F. Analysis or search, a thorough telephone system analysis, examinations of the walls, ceilings, floors, furnishings, etc., a target analysis, examinations of denial aspects (that is, how the physical and procedural security meet the threat), identification of all wires, cables, air ducts, pipes, etc. At the end of a full survey, we should know if anything is threatening the area and should be able to provide the "customer" with a detailed report for use in enhancing the overall security of the examined area(s).

TSCM Monitors:

Frequently, a request for TSCM coverage of sensitive meetings, conferences, etc. is received. Whenever possible, you should visit the intended site of the meeting and perform a physical and limited electronic search of that area prior to the meeting. Then, throughout the conference you would conduct an ongoing R.F. Search.

TSCM Inspections:

This is, in fact, a limited form of Survey. If, for example, a new telephone system (or instrument) were to be installed within a sensitive area, you might be called in to examine that particular instrument or system. Your examinations would not be as thorough or as extensive as those performed during a TSCM Survey.

Pre-construction Consultation:

When plans are being made to build a new facility or improve an existing one, you may be called in to meet with the builder to discuss the needed technical security considerations and to make recommendations concerning the tasks at hand.