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We have two phone numbers, both with an extension. At first the coin phone had a listed number. We were receiving as many as a dozen crank calls a day. Sometimes they would ask for a person by name and then hang up. They often used filthy language. During the Republican Convention a man called and said, "are you watching TV? Barry Goldwater's going to burn you niggers." We finally had this number changed to an unlisted and unpublished number. Within four days we started getting the calls again. We changed the number once more, and have had only three or four calls in the last few weeks.

The other phone also has an unlisted and unpublished number, and is for staff calls. There have been several times when the Canton police were called on this phone. The police have used abusive language and have hung up on us.

There have been times when we were calling back and forth to the Jackson office. At such times when we were expecting a return call, the phone would start ringing with the crank calls to tie up the line. Sometimes when a call has been placed to the Jackson office, the phone rings and rings and no one answers, or you hear a phony busy signal, or the operator cuts you off while she talks to the person in Jackson.

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