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Rules Will Be Changed When Hoover Leaves FBI

By JACK ANDERSON

WASHINGTON — The White House is making quiet preparations to prevent the rise of another J. Edgar Hoover.

Well before President Nixon calls in the mastiff-faced crimefighter for a final visit and sends him the last laudatory "Dear Edgar" letter, a proposal will be ready to limit the next FBI director's term.

The staff work already has been started at both the White House and Justice Department on an executive order, or possibly a statute, to establish a fixed term. The tentative thinking is that no future FBI chief should serve longer than seven years.

Almost no one in Washington wants to see another FBI chief attain J. Edgar Hoover's immense power. It is a measure of his power that those who now seek to curb it are working in fearful secrecy.

No Attorney General, though supposedly Hoover's superior, has been

able to control him. Presidents who may have wished to replace him have always thought better of the idea. Lyndon Johnson even waived the government's wise rule of mandatory retirement at 70 so Hoover could continue. And on Capitol Hill, the FBI is accorded the same deference as motherhood.

We have thoroughly explored the sources of Hoover's unique power. We have talked to White House aides and Justice Department officials, past and present.

MILES OF FILES

All agree that Hoover has been able to cow Washington officialdom largely because he keeps files on the high and mighty. He has amassed raw information on Presidents and peons alike that fill miles of cabinets. Few politicians, therefore, will stand up to him for fear he might leak out derogatory reports against them. They know Hoover doesn't hesitate to traffic in unevaluated information. He has furnished undercover reports, backstairs gossip and other titillating tidbits to his political allies.

The durable old G-man has taken special pains to provide Presidents with intimate information from FBI files. This has usually given him direct access to the man in the White House.

In President Nixon's case, Hoover has been slipping him FBI data for years. This information helped Nixon to build a reputation as an anti-communist crusader during his early days in Congress. The two men have now become close personal friends. Nixon likes to recall how he applied for a job with the FBI after his graduation from Duke and to kid Hoover about rejecting his application. The FBI chief blames it on an appropriations cut.

Yet the President believes Hoover is hurting himself and the FBI by hanging on to his job. Nixon desperately would like to find a graceful way to replace the old curmudgeon without bringing dishonor upon him.

Hoover established his closest relationship with Lyndon Johnson who, as a senator, had lived across the street from him. LBJ always had a fine

the mighty. And Evans, to his credit, acted loyally as a liaison between the sulky old director and the Kennedys. Yet President Kennedy had made it clear, recall intimates, that he intended to retire Hoover at age 70.

But there was a new man in the White House on Jan. 1, 1964, when Hoover passed the 70-year mark. Indeed, it was Hoover who notified Robert Kennedy that his President-brother was dead in Dallas. The Attorney General told intimates afterward that Hoover "was not quite as excited as if he were reporting that he had found a communist on the faculty of Howard University."

Thereafter, the two men scarcely spoke to each other, and the chill extended to the hapless Evans who quietly left the bureau.

Hoover had Dwight Eisenhower's ear throughout his two terms in the White House. As one former aide told us: "Ike went for Edgar hook, line and sinker."

But not Harry Truman. With rare exceptions, the gritty Truman dealt with the FBI chief at arms length and compelled him to work through the attorney general.

Franklin D. Roosevelt, despite his patrician tastes, came to depend on Hoover and dealt with him directly when he needed ammunition against his enemies. By 1939, Hoover was in such good graces at the White House the FDR did by executive order what might not have been possible by law. Roosevelt gave Hoover, with the stroke of a pen, control over all intelligence gathering, counter-espionage and security in the U.S.

When Hoover at last retires, he will have to give up his files with the intimate details about so many lives. The powers in Washington are determined that these files don't fall into the hands of another J. Edgar Hoover.

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appreciation for a story about a leader's extracurricular love life, and Hoover kept him supplied with reports on the private hijinks of prominent Americans.

At the 1964 convention, Hoover assigned an FBI team, including his trusted No. 3 man, C.D. DeLoach, to Johnson. The FBI men acted as personal political investigators for LBJ who wanted to keep track of every move at the Atlantic City convention, particularly the activities of the late Robert Kennedy, whom Johnson distrusted.

HOOVER AND KENNEDYS

As attorney general, Kennedy committed the unpardonable offense of issuing direct orders to FBI agents. The ice that formed between Hoover and Kennedy caused a chill felt all over Washinton.

Yet Hoover maintained liaison with the Kennedys while they were in power by some slick administrative sleight of hand. Aware of this, Hoover split one of his units and created a special investigative division so Evans could be made an Assistant Director.

At that level, Evans could deal with

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FBI Issues Red China Spy Report

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Confidential Justice Department reports say a Hong Kong-based seamen's union is slipping Chinese Communists into the United States on espionage missions.

A secret FBI analysis included in government reports obtained by The Associated Press says the Hong Kong Seaman's Union is putting members aboard flagships of non-Communist nations to sabotage or capture the ships in case of war or to jump ship in non-Communist nations and engage in espionage activities.

The reported entry of the union seamen has contributed to the wave of illegal aliens from mainland China who, according to other Justice Department reports, have been sneaking into the United States at the rate of 4,200 each year.

In addition to espionage activities, the intelligence reports say, some Chinese aliens have been arrested carrying narcotics shipments destined for U.S. markets.

According to the reports, the Chinese aliens have been entering the country by jumping ship in Canada and being smuggled across the U.S. border, or by jumping ship in U.S. ports.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service—the Justice Department section responsible for capturing illegal aliens—has had some success in working with Canadian authorities to smash several of the smuggling rings, but INS sources say that no sooner is one ring closed down than another springs up. And, the sources say, only one in 10 of the illegal Chinese aliens is caught and deported.

Just last week INS broke up a ring smuggling Chinese sailors from Vancouver, British Columbia, into the United States at Bellingham and Blaine, Wash., at \$1,000 per man.

One group of Chinese aliens was captured as the men crossed the border on foot a mile east of Blaine. Another group made it to the New York metropolitan area. Three of them, arrested in Newark, N.J., told investigators they first made contact with the smugglers in Hong Kong.

Earlier this year American and Canadian authorities stopped a Montreal-to-New York smuggling operation but the intelligence reports say operations in Montreal may have started up again and another smuggling operation appears to be working between Windsor, Ontario, and Detroit.

Justice Department officials say they believe as many as 2,500 mainland Chinese are smuggled into the United States each year, and another 1,700 jump ship in U.S. ports. They estimate that 5,640 entered between 1965 and 1970.

One INS investigation report said the illegal aliens appear to be developing "a guerrilla infrastructure" here.

The FBI report says the union chairman, vice chairman and investigative officer visited Communist China for several days in 1966. The next year, it says, HKSU was an active participant in the Communist policy of disruption that attempted to overthrow British authority in Hong Kong.

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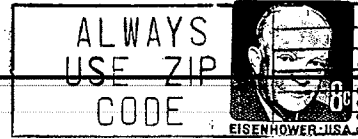
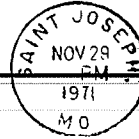
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J. Edgar Hoover Puts 'Trash' Label on Anderson's Column

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WASHINGTON — The old FBI bulldog, J. Edgar Hoover, has taken another bite out of us. He spoke at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts where former FBI agents gathered amid the marble and majesty for an evening of culture.

In his familiar growl, Hoover rumbled: "(One) of my more virulent critics — his name escapes me for the moment—has apparently fallen off his merry-go-round once too often.

"Last spring, he spent considerable time sifting through my garbage . . . My only reason for mentioning it is that I understand he is becoming increasingly confused between the trash he examines and the trash he writes . . .

"The publication of drivel," he added, "while admittedly a right, is not the best way of discharging the precious responsibilities of a free press . . . Criticism, to be valid, must be based on knowledge and a desire to correct deficiencies."

We have been trying to correct a few deficiencies at the FBI for some time, and we have done our best to obtain

anyone at the FBI discuss its deficiencies.

The old curmudgeon also tolerates absolutely no criticism of himself. Indeed, he takes extreme measures to keep this kind of knowledge from the public.

FBI Secrecy

We learned, for example, that Hoover has collected more than \$250,000 in royalties from three books researched and ghostwritten for him by FBI personnel on government time. He refused to discuss this with us. The FBI's publicity people, who love to tell about FBI heroics, also suddenly developed lockjaw.

We asked the Justice Department, which is supposed to have jurisdiction over the FBI, how the royalties were divided. We even threatened to file a lawsuit under the Freedom of Information Act to get the facts.

Unable to get an official response from anyone, we published all we knew about the \$250,000 Hoover had collected for other people's work. Most of the money, we reported, had been earned by Hoover's best seller, "Masters of Deceit." We also learned that

Warner Brothers had paid Hoover some \$50,000 for the movie rights to the book.

Subsequently, the FBI leaked a report to National Review publisher William Rusher that Hoover had split his Masters of Deceit royalties five ways: One-fifth to Hoover, one-fifth to the FBI recreational fund and three-fifths to the FBI employees who did the work.

Financial Breakdown

We have tried for weeks to get the exact breakdown. We have now learned that Hoover, indeed, pocketed one-fifth of the royalties. Another fifth went to his lifelong companion, Clyde Tolson, who did no work on the book at all. Another fifth went to Lou Nichols, a former FBI factotum, who helped to arrange for the publication. The FBI recreational fund also got a fifth. The final portion went to a middleman, whose name we have been given but have been unable to verify.

By taking money for work done by FBI personnel on government time, Hoover has committed an offense that would bring an FBI investigation on any other government official.

As Hoover himself put it in

herent right to place himself above and beyond the law."

Footnote: The last time Hoover ripped into us, we offered to back up our stories before an appropriate congressional committee. We invited him to tell his side, and we would lay out the evidence supporting our stories. The loser, we suggested, should agree in advance to retire. The logical committee to hold these hearings would be the House Freedom of Information Subcommittee. Chairman William Moorhead, D-Pa., has offered to go ahead with them provided that Hoover will join us in requesting hearings. It's now up to the FBI chief.

little old rebirth. Maybe you had better get it in the hand of the little old ex super star who walked on the waters.

Seems to me you've got some real problems, Edgar. Real problems.

Sincerely,

The Dragon With The Horns of A Lamb

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November 29, 1971

Dear Edgar:

Tsk, Tsk! Looks to me like you may be some kind of an old self-righteous son of a bitch.

Tigellinus was the same brand of bastard when Nero flipped his lid. HMMMMMMMM?

Seems to me sometimes there's a lot of garbage in the backyards of the self-righteous bastards, too, and a wee bit of power gets a wee bit misused.

Tsk, Tsk! I am going to take this up with old St. Peter just a wee bit and just maybe when you get to those pearly gates we may just have to spent a wee bit of time in interrogating you.

things up there and some guys are going to get to

shovel horse shit out in the stables with Hitler and Stalin, Edgar boy.

Maybe you had better start doing some thinking just a wee bit and do a wee bit of shaping up because your self-righteousness and your hypocrisy stinks to high heaven. Jesus has his eye on you, Edgar. Better watch out! You can't fool that little hoy. He's directing this pageantin Phase III.

Maybe you had better try for yourself a