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Hoover Blasts 'Fantasy' Of Crime Commission

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has fired a verbal blast at the National Crime Commission and its staff as "pundits of fantasy" for suggesting changes in the reporting of crime statistics.

Hoover attacked what he called "the shallow pronouncements of that 'select' group of impractical theorists who would 'define away' and reduce the crime problem by wielding a heavy eraser on statistics concerning the number of offenses reported to police."

The Crime Commission has praised the FBI for its work in collecting crime figures from

local police departments, but has said other reporting methods must be used to give a complete picture of the national crime problem.

One Crime Commission suggestion has been to supplement reported crime figures with calculations of unreported crime. Another has been to make a clear distinction between crimes against persons and crimes against property.

"The detailed statistics offered by these pundits of fantasy would result in a number of errors of any committee for the purpose of victims of the underworld," Hoover said.

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