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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15 (AP)—The Justice Department says Robert F. Kennedy, while attorney general in 1962, issued a private directive to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and other department officials that certain investigative means were not to be used.

A department spokesman, responding to inquiries, said Wednesday night

the directive was written in very broad terms. He declined to discuss its specific contents.

Hoover contended in a letter made public by a congressman last weekend that as Attorney General, Kennedy

authorized FBI wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping. Kennedy, now a Democratic Senator from New York, said he didn't authorize the "bugging" and didn't know it was being

The Washington Post said today Kennedy's 1962 directive prohibited "improper, illegal and unethical" investigative practices. The Post said the only exception was wiretapping in cases involving national security, as had been allowed by previous attorney generals. Neither Kennedy nor the Post would comment on the matter beyond their earlier statements.