

BOGGS' SON TELLS OF FILES ON WARREN PANEL

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The son of the late Rep. Hale Boggs, D-La., says his father gave him dossiers which the FBI compiled on critics of the Warren Commission in an attempt to discredit them.

"They weren't basically sex files," Tom H. Boggs Jr. said yesterday. Boggs, a Washington lawyer, added that "They had some of that element but most of the material dealt with left-wing organizations these people belonged to."

Boggs said his father gave him the material in late 1970. He said that he now has it in a safe deposit box along with many of his father's congressional papers.

The senior Boggs, House majority leader, was a member of the Warren Commission established to investigate the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

In 1971, the congressman made a speech on the floor of the House accusing the FBI of taping his phones and keeping dossiers on members of Congress. Those charges were never substantiated by Boggs, who disappeared in October 1972 while on an airplane flight in Alaska. Tom Boggs said his father gave him the files within the context of a general discussion between

them about the Warren Commission critics. He said the files consisted of 30 pages of information on seven persons who had written critically of the commission's findings.

BOGGS DECLINED to identify all seven, but said that writer Edward Jay Epstein and lawyer Mark Lane were among them.

The information, Boggs said, included a photograph of one of the seven engaging in an unnatural sexual act with two women.

The way I understood the situation was that the FBI was trying to assure Dad that the critics of the Warren Commission weren't very substantial," he said.

Meanwhile, the controversy over FBI surveillance activities continued yesterday, with Chairman Don

Edwards, D-Calif., announcing that his House civil rights subcommittee has asked for General Accounting Office investigations to help prepare for hearings into all FBI operations.

Edwards said yesterday that hearings which had been originally scheduled to begin yesterday on allegations of FBI maintenance of information on congressmen and other officials will begin Feb. 20.

The chairman said the subcommittee also will resume its inquiry into counterintelligence activities ordered by the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover in 1956 to disrupt anti-government activities by organizations and individuals. Hoover canceled the activities in 1971.

EDWARDS SAID he has

asked Congress' General Accounting Office to investigate the nature, extent and adequacy of FBI legal authority for domestic intelligence-gathering and FBI criteria for investigating domestic groups and individuals.

To help the subcommittee set out more general oversight hearings, Edwards said, he also has asked the GAO to survey among other things the FBI's organized crime investigations, other criminal investigation activities, spending priorities and accuracy of FBI crime statistics.

In related developments, FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley suggested yesterday that some of the critics are demagogues for accusing the FBI of infringing on individual privacy.

"The people of this nation

must be alert to opportunistic grandstanding and demagoguery on the issue of privacy," Kelley said after noting the recent criticism of the FBI for maintaining files of unsubstantiated allegations about the personal lives of members of Congress and other citizens.

Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe yesterday proposed a joint congressional and executive branch committee be created as a watchdog against abuses in intelligence operations.

Saxbe, in a speech prepared for the Dade County Bar Association, said he had in mind a committee that would include not only House and Senate members but high-level government officials and outsiders appointed by the President.