

# Levi to Get Full Report On FBI Abuse

## Key Aides' Corruption Targeted by Probers

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Federal prosecutors are preparing a report for Atty. Gen. Edward H. Levi detailing four decades of petty corruption and abuse of power at the highest levels of the FBI, The Washington Star has learned.

However, it was understood that a final decision on whether to recommend prosecutions involving present and former upper-echelon FBI officials is at least a month or more away.

The first part of the report being prepared is said to cite an alleged pattern of financial wrongdoing at the bureau's top levels that began during the 48-year reign of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover and was continued after his death in 1972.

Sources familiar with the scope of the investigation, which started last March, expect from 10 to 20 indictments, but other sources indicated that those figures are either exaggerated or premature.

**IT WAS SAID THAT** a number of problems have developed with the evidence in some of the cases under investigation that might make it difficult for the government to obtain indictments. Also, unless a conspiracy case is built, prosecutors will be unable to ask for indictments because the statute of limitations has expired in a number of instances.

One possibility said to be under consideration is the issuance of a public report by the Justice Department detailing the findings of the investigation. Such a report, which could be released in conjunction with grand jury indictments, would give new perspective on the ethics and morality at the highest levels at the bureau, sources said.

So far, the sources said, investigators have found numerous instances of petty corruption involving the personal use by past and present bureau executives of FBI personnel, materials and services. On a smaller scale, evidence involving the alleged misuse of FBI funds has been uncovered.

**IT WAS UNDERSTOOD** that during the investigation Justice Department lawyers found that many of these activities began under Hoover and a small circle of his closest bureau associates, and that the allegedly corrupt system was sustained with a conspiracy of silence.

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