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FBI Chief Won't Talk of Fired Critic

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has declined to provide a Senate subcommittee with details of the case of an agent who was ousted from the agency after writing a letter that included criticism of the FBI and its chief.

Hoover said Attorney General John N. Mitchell had advised him not to comment on the case because of a suit filed in a federal court in New York in behalf of the former agent, John F. Shaw.

Shaw resigned as an agent after the FBI transferred him to Butte, Mont. Hoover accepted the resignation "with prejudice," and Shaw has since been unable to find another law enforcement job.

In a letter to Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass.), chairman of the subcommittee on administrative practices, Hoover declined to elaborate on the case.

"Nevertheless, I feel compelled to state that in my opinion a full development of the facts will establish that Mr. Shaw's allegations are without foundation," Hoover wrote.