

Johnson Is Reported To Have Used F.B.I. For Political Spying

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CHICAGO, Aug. 15 (UPI) — President Lyndon B. Johnson sent F.B.I. agents to the 1964 Democratic national convention to conduct a political spying operation against members of his own party, The Chicago Tribune reported today.

Mr. Johnson acted out of fear that he might be robbed of the Presidential nomination, the newspaper said.

"L.B.J. feared that somehow he would lose the nomination and it would go to Robert Kennedy," The Tribune quoted one unidentified source as saying. "The F.B.I. was sent up there [to Atlantic City] to find out what was going on."

The Tribune reported that later in 1964 "Johnson dictated in advance to the F.B.I. what it should include in its report on activities of key White House aide Walter Jenkins," who had been arrested on a morals charge.

The newspaper said some of the more explosive aspects of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's political history over the last 30 years were detailed recently in a memorandum turned over to the Senate Watergate committee by former White House Counsel John W. Dean 3d.

The Tribune said the author of the memorandum was William C. Sullivan, former assistant director of the F.B.I. It said Mr. Sullivan had refused to discuss the contents of the memorandum.

The newspaper article said some of the abuses of the F.B.I. included:

¶ "An F.B.I. alliance with Senator Joseph McCarthy under the Eisenhower administration which 'kept McCarthy going' with information gathered on individuals. . . ."

¶ "Orders by Presidents Roosevelt, Johnson and Nixon to gather information on groups and individuals who were clearly their political enemies."

¶ "The funneling to several Presidents by the late J. Edgar Hoover of 'dirty and smutty' personal information about public figures gathered by the F.B.I."

¶ "Request for F.B.I. information by President Johnson on his 1964 opponent, Barry Goldwater, and the ordering of a 'limited' investigation of Vice President-elect Spiro T. Agnew in 1968."