Hoover Calls Bugging Valuable in Crime Fight

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knit conspiracies involving in-tricate security precautions, and most of the 1,200 arrests

the field of organized crime priated for FBI investigation. rose from 468 in 1970 to more than 650 in 1971 and added "much of the credit for these gains should go to court-approved electronic surveillance devices provided for in recent legislation."

Hoover made his remarks in the FBI's year-end report on its activities.

Hoover said cases against some 2,200 other gambling and racketerring figures, including seven national syndicate leaders and a number of their top lieutenants, were in various stages of prosecution.

In other cases, Hoover said the Weatherman oganization, while continuing to engage in acts of extreme violence, at present appears to have narrowed down to a hard-core membership.

He said two of the leading forces in the antiwar move-ment in the United States were infiltrated or dominated by the Communist Party. These were identified in the FBI report as the People's Coalition for Peace and Justice and the National Peace Action Coalition.

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoo-| On other matters, the report

the rise is due to evidence blank stock certificates in Chigleaned from electronic sur- cago having a potential of \$30 million.

veillance devices. "These devices have been in-creasingly valuable in pene-trating these complex, tightly-

under the Organized Crime Control Act were made possi-ble by them," Hoover said. He said that convictions in He said that convictions in the said that the sa