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WASHINGTON (UPI) -- FBI Director Clarence Kelley today defended FBI surveillance of radical groups as an imperative response to their practice of violence and goal of overhauling the American way of life.

"TO REMOVE THE AMERICAN'S' INTEREST WOULD BE TO BRING BACK TO LIFE THE LOST AND FORGOTTEN OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE," KELLEY SAID. "WE WILL NOT TO THAT AS LONG AS DOMESTIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITY IS DEPOSED IN THE FBI."

"IT IS ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE THAT WE GATHER SUFFICIENT INFORMATION AND EVIDENCE TO PERMIT CREDIBLE EVALUATIONS OF THESE GROUPS' SIZE AND NETWORK," HE SAID.

KELLEY, DISCUSSING THE FBI'S DOMESTIC SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES IN AN ADDRESS PREPARED FOR A VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS CONFERENCE, SAID THERE WERE 2,241 ACTUAL AND ATTEMPTED BOMBINGS LAST YEAR. 24 PERSONS WERE KILLED AND 202 INJURED.

"WE CANNOT SPECULATE AS TO WHETHER THEY REALLY WANT IT OR WHETHER IT IS MERELY THEORETIC AND MILITANT GROUPS WANTING TO BOMB AND DESTROY PUBLIC AND INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES," KELLEY SAID. 3/10/75