Q. It is an established fact that for more than 20 years employees of the FBI and CIA have consistently violated the law by opening mail, using burglaries and other illegal investigative methods and engaging in all sorts of additional hanky-panky from corruption to murder. Is a single person from any of these agencies going to be found guilty of anything, or will everything be blamed on J. Edgar Hoover, who is dead?—Bill Wallace. New York City.

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A. Most probably a grand whitewash will go into effect. The Justice Department will point out that the statute of limitations on federal prosecutions has run out, and no one will be found guilty of anything.