

Secret File Copies Offered FBI Head

By Jack Anderson

Patrick Gray 3d got off to an unconvincing start as the new boss of the FBI by pleading with newsmen: "None of you guys are going to believe this—and I don't know how to make you believe it — but there are no dossiers or secret files."

We will be happy to tell poor Pat, since he's new around the FBI, where some of the secret files are stashed.

As a starter, he might ask to see the Jane Fonda file, No. 100-459279. The FBI apparently considers the tiny, if sometimes turbulent, Miss Fonda a menace to the nation.

She recently won the Academy Award as Hollywood's best actress. But her most faithful fans are G-men, who monitor her performances around the world and submit detailed reports on her anti-war routines.

The Fonda file is stuffed with reports marked "Confidential" and "Secret." One entry, dated April 30, 1971, is stamped "Top Secret—No Foreign Dissemination—No Dissemination abroad."

This hush-hush document alleges darkly: "Between November 1970 and April 1971, Fonda toured college campuses across the country making antiwar speeches. A source advised (the FBI) the North Vietnamese Embassy in Moscow bought a plane ticket for

Fonda to travel from the United States to Moscow and Hanoi via Paris on 3/17/71, though the trip was discontinued as all visas to North Vietnam were later canceled."

Black Secret

By perusing the secret FBI files, Pat Gray can also find out who's who and what's new in the black community. There's hardly an important black leader who doesn't rate a full FBI file.

For example, Gray can learn from reading the Coretta King file, No. 100-6351, that the martyred Martin Luther King's widow has hired the Byron Detective agency to "maintain security" at her Atlanta home. This tidbit is stamped merely "Confidential," although there's a lot of equally irrelevant information labeled "Secret."

Or Gray may be interested to discover from a "secret" entry in the Ralph Abernathy file, No. 100-442706, that King's successor at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference was "considering resigning as president, because of lack of cooperation from officers."

Even one of President Nixon's stalwart black supporters, Floyd McKissick, is kept under regular FBI surveillance. His file, No. 100-446386, contains a full background report on his activities labeled

"Secret—No Foreign Dissemination."

Gray can also keep up with the world travels of James Baldwin, the famous black novelist, by reading file No. 62-108763. An entry, dated Dec. 23, 1969, and marked "Secret—No Foreign Dissemination," confides:

"NY T-1, another government agency which conducts intelligence investigations, advised on July 31, 1969, that James Baldwin arrived at Istanbul, Turkey, from Athens, Greece, via Air France on July 13, 1969." There followed excerpts from the Aug. 18, 1969, edition of the Turkish newspaper "Milliyet," also stamped a deep, dark "secret."

Or Gray can read all about the personal affairs of Harry Belafonte, the talented black actor, by snooping through file No. 100-394716. A "secret" background report starts off with the information that the "subject's true name is Harold George Belafonte."

Movie Gossip

The new FBI chief will find all sorts of titillating tidbits in the files of such movie stars as Marlon Brando, Paul Newman, Rock Hudson, Tony Randall, Zero Mostel and others. None of them are accused of any crimes or suspected subversion. But the FBI keeps files on them anyhow.

Or, if Gray is a football fan,

he can glean some fascinating facts from the FBI files on the likes of Joe Namath and Lance Rentzel.

For example, the FBI kept Namath under No. 505524F. His file declares: "Captioned individual, a member of the New York Jets of the American Football League, has never been the subject of an FBI investigation."

Yet the FBI has kept a faithful account of such miscellany as the report "from a reliable source that he frequents The Pussycat Bar in New York City."

Above all, newsmen should be skeptical—as Gray suggested they would be—that "there are no dossiers or secret files."

One dogged investigative reporter, I. F. Stone, file No. 100-37078, is checked out regularly by the FBI. A typical entry, dated March 17, 1967, and stamped "Confidential," reports:

"During 1966, subject spoke at several anti-Vietnam affairs. In his talks he was critical of the United States handling and participation in the Vietnam War."

"In February, 1966, subject observed to meet a Second Secretary (press) of the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Washington, D.C., at a Washington, D.C. restaurant."