

Robt. Kennedy, Hoover Feud Over 'Bugging'

FBI Chief Accused
His Former Boss
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fore the Supreme Court.

Hoover's Letter

Hoover promptly replied in a letter made public on Saturday. He said that Kennedy — while attorney general — had not only known of FBI eavesdropping in criminal cases, but that it was "increased" at Kennedy's insistence while he was in office.

Kennedy promptly denied Hoover's allegation in a statement issued by his office, he said the FBI director was "misinformed." He also made public a letter from Courtney Evans, former FBI official who had testified that he had seen Kennedy's handwritten notes on the subject of eavesdropping.

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Hoover responded yesterday with a statement in which he said Kennedy would make such a statement. He issued three previously confidential memoranda from FBI files which he said showed that the eavesdropping, interceptions and wiretapping surveillance was known to and approved by Mr. Kennedy. Two of the memos bore Evans' name.

The Last Word

Kennedy fired back with a statement that, although Hoover says that this activity intensified while I was attorney general implies that it was going on before I took office. The fact is that I never discussed this highly important matter with me.

"Since Mr. Hoover is selectively making documents public, I suggest that he make his entire file available and indicate under which attorney general this practice began, whether any prior attorney general authorized it and whether or not they were as uninformed as I was," the New York senator said.