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Bell Names 10 Lawyers To FBI 'Black Bag' Probe

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Attorney General Griffin B. Bell yesterday named a new group of 10 lawyers to prosecute FBI "black bag" jobs, replacing five investigators who left because of a dispute with Bell.

The investigative team will be headed by Barnet Skolnik, an assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted former Vice President Agnew and Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel, and Paul Boucher of the department's Criminal Division.

Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, who announced the appointments, said Skolnik will cun the twoman trial team and Boucher will be in charge of eight investigators and prosecutors.

Civiletti said the first group of investigators left their jobs because of differences with Bell over the best "strategy" for investigating past FBI inisdeeds.

Civiletti said the problems did not arise from Bell's decision to carry out the prosecution of retired FBI supervisor John Kearney, before seeking more indictments. Kearney was indicted on charges of using illegal mail openings and wiretaps in seeking fugitive Weathermen terrorists. No agents of a higher rank have been indicted in the case.

Civiletti would not say whether additional indictments are expected, saying it would not be appropriate to comment on pending investigations.

He added that grand juries in New York and Washington are still investigating the past illegal FBI tactics.