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Kelley Decries Leaks on Possible FBI Indictments

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley yesterday denounced as "reprehensible" news leaks about the possibility that the Justice Department might seek indictments of FBI personnel allegedly involved in illegal burglaries.

Reports yesterday in The Washington Post and other news media quoted "informed sources" as saying that department attorneys had recommended to Attorney General Griffin B. Bell the prosecution of several present and former FBI officials. The news reports named several persons as possible targets of prosecution in cases of break-ins that took place in the New York area during 1972 and 1973.

In a statement issued yesterday, Kelley said, "This action by these nameless sources is reprehensible. It is not only injurious to the morale of all FBI employees but do incalculable damage to the FBI officials and their families whose names were mentioned. I am certain that all fair-minded people are shocked by these calculated leaks that damage the American system of justice."