

Levi Names 3-Man Panel To Monitor FBI Activities

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Attorney General Edward H. Levi yesterday appointed a three-member Justice Department group to act as a watchdog on implementation of guidelines designed to prevent illegal domestic intelligence activities by the FBI.

The guidelines, which went into effect yesterday, were instituted by Levi to prevent repetitions of the FBI's now defunct counter-intelligence programs.

Cointelpro, as the covert activities were known, was in force from 1956 until 1971. Its purpose was to disrupt and harass allegedly radical groups of the left and right such as the Communist Party, Ku Klux Klan, Black Panthers and antiwar organizations.



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submission of reports to Levi on the beginning of investigations, as well as per-

Disclosure of these activities by the press and Congress created a public furor and prompted Levi, who has policy direction over the FBI, to promulgate stricter rules for FBI activities in the domestic security and intelligence area.

Although there is still considerable controversy about whether the guidelines go far enough, they are intended to impose stricter controls over the infiltration of suspect organizations, electronic surveillance and the checking of a suspect's mail.

The guidelines require the

odic reports on their status. The Attorney General can, on the basis of these reports, decide whether specific investigations should be continued and whether various investigative techniques should be used.

The group named yesterday will be charged with processing these reports from the FBI and advising Levi on whether the guidelines are being implemented and working effectively. It also will make recommendations for changes in the guidelines if that is considered necessary.

Members of the group, all selected personally by Levi, are Jeffrey Harris, 32, who has been an assistant U. S. attorney in New York; Joseph E. diGenova, 31, a special counsel to the Senate intelligence committee; and Thomas J. Grady, 34, a trial attorney in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division.