

*Parade 4/4/76*  
Q. Where may I obtain documentary evidence on how strongly the late President Truman disliked J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI?—L. T., Somerville, Mass.  
A. In your own hometown of Somerville, Mass., there is a Harvard Law School student, Peter H. Irons, of 55 Davis Square, who researched the subject in the Truman Library in Independence, Mo., for his Ph.D. dissertation in political science. Mr. Irons writes: "According to Clifford's handwritten notes [Clark Clifford was Truman's White House counsel] . . . Truman said he was 'very strongly anti-FBI' and wanted to be sure to 'hold the FBI down' . . ." Mr. Irons also refers to the dissertation—"America's Cold War Crusade: Domestic Politics and Foreign Policy, 1942-1948," Boston University, 1973, P. 232, reference, "Memo of May 2, 1947, George Elsey Papers, Box 69, Truman Library."