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## *Twice-Suspended L.A. Office*

Wesley G. Grapp, the censured former chief of the FBI's 600-man Los Angeles office, is expected to retire early rather than accept a demotion and transfer to the bureau's Minneapolis office.

FBI sources said yesterday that Grapp has sent a letter requesting retirement to acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III, who suspended the controversial

agent for a second time last week upon learning that Grapp was privately monitoring and recording telephone calls to the Los Angeles office.

By the close of business yesterday, however, Gray had apparently not received the letter.

If Gray accepts Grapp's proposal, as he is expected to do, it would permit the 25-year FBI veteran to re-

tire with a monthly pension of about \$1,600. Had he been dismissed outright, an action urged on Gray by several high-ranking bureau officials, Grapp would have lost his pension.

Grapp's retirement would also cut off potentially revealing and, to the FBI, embarrassing civil service appeal procedures that might grow out of any formal pro-

test by Grapp of his dismissal.

Gray decided against dismissing Grapp only because he wanted him to be able to use his pension in solving "personal problems," FBI sources added.

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## *Chief to Retire From the FBI*