

Gray Says FBI Has No Political Files

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The acting director of the FBI, L. Patrick Gray, said he has found no evidence of political dossiers in the bureau's files, although there may be bits and pieces of such material held by the FBI.

Gray said he had made a search for such political or secret material, but "I have not found any evidence whatsoever of the existence of secret files or political dossiers, and I have looked for them specifically."

He made his remarks in a copyrighted interview in the current issue of the magazine U.S. News and World Report.

The acting director's predecessor, J. Edgar Hoover, had been charged with amassing material on liberal politicians and others who disagreed with his conservative political views.

Gray said it was possible that the FBI had data on persons not directly involved in its investigations—material obtained in the course of investigating others.

"Bits and pieces of this in-

formation would be completely raw unverified data. We have informants who constantly present us with information. Depending upon the type of that information, it may very well be the subject of verification or it may remain in its raw state without any further use being made of it."

He added that there are strict security measures against such material being leaked.

On other matters, Gray said he believed that tighter gun control laws—including licensing and registering—was a positive move toward getting firearms out of the hands of undesirables who should not have weapons.

He also said he did not view Communists as the number one threat that Hoover saw them. Control of the United States is still a goal of the Communists, Gray said, but he does not foresee them posing an increasing threat to American security.