

# FBI Head Finds Files Exist

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The FBI's new boss, Pat Gray, has just discovered what we offered to show him six months ago—that the FBI has been keeping files on congressmen.

We had reported that the FBI spied not only upon congressmen but upon black leaders, movie stars, football heroes and other prominent Americans. As evidence, we quoted excerpts from the secret FBI files.

To our astonishment, Gray, nevertheless, insisted to correspondents: "None of you guys are going to believe this — and I don't know how to make you believe it — but there are no dossiers or secret files."

We immediately offered to tell Gray, since he was new around the FBI, where some of the secret files were stashed. We even printed several of the file numbers to help him locate the hidden dossiers. The entries vary in classification, we noted, from "Confidential" to "Top Secret — No Foreign Dissemination — No Dissemination Abroad."

Despite our help, it took

Gray six months to discover the congressional files. Not until an FBI agent, Lee Kias, was caught checking on a Democratic congressional candidate in Ohio did Gray admit that the FBI had been collecting information on both congressmen and candidates since 1950.

Gray said the practice had "just come to my attention," and he ordered it stopped. But he insisted that the FBI program had been limited to gathering "biographical data on major candidates for the House of Representatives and the Senate from newspapers, magazines, campaign literature and various reference publications."

## FBI Spying

Once again, we are happy to enlighten Gray about his files. The congressional dossiers, in addition to newspaper clippings and campaign literature, also contain eavesdrop information, surveillance reports and gossip from informants.

The FBI chief, if he doubts us, can start with the file on Speaker Carl Albert. Gray will find therein a report, based

upon a conversation picked up by an FBI listening device, about Albert's relationship with lobbyist Fred Black.

The file on House Democratic leader Hale Boggs, now missing in Alaska, is loaded with wiretap information picked up during the FBI's investigation of fixer Nathan Vpolsen and ex-House aide Martin Sweig.

Or in the FBI file on House Republican leader Gerald Ford, Gray will find a report on a bugged telephone conversation between AVCO's Earl (Red) Blaik and the GOP leader. FBI agents, checking on the monitored conversation, found that Blaik had enlisted Ford's aid in preventing a probe of an AVCO defense contract and that Ford occasionally had hitched free rides on AVCO planes.

Rep. Peter Frelinghuysen (R-N.J.) was kept under FBI surveillance, his file will show, because of a blackmail report. The FBI not only kept a file on Rep. Henry Reuss (D-Wis.) but also upon his 22-year-old daughter, Jacqueline, and his 25-year-old son, Michael.

Or if Gray really doubts

that congressional candidates are sometimes watched by FBI agents, he might read the dossier on Rev. Walter Fauntroy, the nonvoting representative from the District of Columbia. FBI agents were present when Fauntroy met newsmen on Jan. 6, 1971, at the site of the new FBI building.

"At 1:10 p.m., Rev. Fauntroy was observed by special agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation exiting from a car bearing a 'Fauntroy for Congress' poster on the left front door," declares a confidential report, which Gray will find in Fauntroy's file.

"Reverend Fauntroy approached the construction site and after greeting newsmen began to read from a prepared statement, the opening paragraph of which inferred that the new (building) was being constructed as a shrine for Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the FBI..."

There's much more in the secret FBI files which we'll be happy to share with Pat Gray if he has trouble locating them.

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