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Separate Trials Sought For 2 Ex-F.B.I. Officials

WASHINGTON, July 12 (AP) — Lawyers said today that if two former top officials of the Federal Bureau of Investigation stood trial at the same time for civil rights violations, they "will slice each other to ribbons."

Lawyers for L. Patrick Gray 3d, former bureau Acting Director, and for Edward S. Miller, once head of its domestic intelligence division, asked a Federal judge for separate trials for their clients. Otherwise, they said, each will end up accusing the other.

"How could we be more in a collision cross fire?" asked Allan Baron, a lawyer for Mr. Gray. "Miller claims that Gray authorized so-called black bag jobs, and

Gray has categorically denied it. They are in direct head-to-head antagonism on the single most important issue in this case."

Mr. Gray, Mr. Miller and the former No. 2 man in the bureau, Mark Felt, are charged with authorizing illegal breakins by agents who were searching for fugitives in the radical Weather Underground in the early 1970's.

"I'm sure the Government will love to have Miller and Gray slice each other to ribbons," Mr. Baron told Judge William B. Bryant in a hearing on pretrial motions in Federal District Court.

Mr. Miller's lawyer, Tom Kennelly, also argued for separate trials.