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FBI Chief Testifies On Indians

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa, July 7 (UPI)—FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley testified today in the murder trial of two American Indians that the FBI is in the business of preventing violence.

Kelley was subpoenaed to testify Tuesday in the trial of Robert Robideau, 29 of Portland, Ore., and Darelle Butler, 33 of Rogue River, Ore., who are accused of killing two FBI agents last summer on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota.

When Kelley did not appear Tuesday, U.S. District Court Judge Edward J. McManus ordered him to appear today to show cause why he should not be cited for contempt of court. No mention of that order was made in court this morning, and Kelley did not explain why he did not appear Tuesday.

Defense attorney William Kunstler, attempting to illustrate the climate in which the killings occurred, questioned Kelley about alleged FBI activities against domestic organizations such as the American Indian Movement, of which Robideau and Butler are members.

Kunstler cited a recent demonstration in Bowling Green, Ky., against the Cedar Rapids trial and asked Kelley if his agents were aware of it and if they expected it could be violent.

"We are in the business occupation, and profession of preventing violence—not speculation," Kelley responded. Kelley said he did not know the intent of the demonstrators but that his agents were aware of the demonstration.



CLARENCE M. KELLEY
... defends agency

Asked the FBI's feeling about AIM, Kelley said the Indian group has "not been tabbed by us as being objectionable, subversive or un-American."

"It is my very definite knowledge that AIM has fine goals, many fine people ... and some things worthwhile," he said.

Kelley also was questioned about the use of informers and said he was not aware if agents or informers had attended meetings of groups with the intent of reporting what occurred to the bureau.

"I am actually unaware if informants have attended meetings—they could have—but I don't know," he said. He also said he was certain the use of informers in connection with such groups as AIM "was only to inform on individuals, not the entire organization."

Kelley was subpoenaed June 25 along with another FBI official, Sen. Frank Church (D-Idaho) and Rep. Otis G. Pike (D-N.Y.). Officials said the other subpoenas have not been served and it is not known when the men would testify.