

# FBI Collecting Xerox Samples In Probe of Stolen Documents

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BOSTON, April 19—Xerox repairmen in the metropolitan Boston area have been collecting samples from all 660-series Xerox copying machines for the FBI since April 1. The samples are being matched with Xeroxed copies of stolen

FBI files in an attempt to pinpoint the machine on which the stolen files are being duplicated.

The Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI, the group that claims credit for the burglary of the FBI's Media, Pa., office on March 8, has mailed several packets of copies of the stolen documents to jour-

nalists, politicians and radical groups across the nation.

Xerox's involvement in the investigation came to light last week when it was revealed that the FBI had determined that its stolen files were duplicated on a Xerox 660-series copier, a low-volume, table top model.

Last Monday, Gerald Mulligan, manager of public relations for Xerox's business products group in Rochester, N.Y., said that, upon FBI request, the company had furnished the bureau a list of all customers who lease 660-series machines, but had refused FBI requests for further assistance on the grounds that it would compromise customer relationships. Mulligan said that Xerox management felt that if the company "got directly involved in the FBI investigation," it "would be obliged to inform our customers."

On Saturday, however, C. Peter McColough Xerox president, released a personal statement saying the whole matter had come to his attention only within the previous 24 hours. "Despite public statements to the contrary," he said, "Xerox is cooperating fully with the FBI."

It has been learned, however, that Xerox repairmen in this area had been ordered on April 1 to collect four samples from the estimated 2,000 660-series machines in the Boston area "to assist the FBI in identifying a machine used to copy stolen documents." The memo was signed by Mel Mahler, Boston branch manager, and was titled "Favor to the FBI."

Xerox officials refused to comment on whether similar memorandums went out to company servicemen in other cities.