

FBI Refuses to Give Reports to Reuss

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The FBI refused yesterday to turn over documents to Rep. Henry S. Reuss (D-Wis.) relating to an investigation of his daughter, Jacqueline, 21, a senior at Swarthmore College.

Reuss said in an interview that he summoned Inspector David Bowers to his office and requested the FBI reports, partly because they apparently varied in content from the type of investigation Bowers had described to him in meetings Nov. 5, Nov. 9 and March 17.

Bowers not only refused Reuss access to the reports, copies of which were stolen March 8 from the FBI's Media, Pa., office, but he also declined to permit Reuss to record the interview electronically.

Reuss said one of the docu-

ments, which was distributed by the Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI to several newspapers but not to the Wisconsin congressman, was entitled "Jacqueline Reuss, Information Concerning—Security Matter."

On March 17, Reuss said, the FBI inspector visited his office, told him reports on his daughter had been stolen were "fortunately neutral in nature," and apologized in advance for any possible embarrassment to Reuss should the reports surface.

Bowers reported by told Reuss there were three memos, an inquiry at Swarthmore into Jacqueline's junior year of study in France. The other two, Reuss said, were a check at the Swarthmore credit bureau that determined his daughter paid her bills, and a check with Swarthmore

police that resulted in a report they had never heard of her.

At the same March 17 meeting Reuss said that Bowers told him the FBI investigation resulted in "nothing derogatory whatsoever" about his daughter.

The meeting yesterday with Bowers was the fourth for Reuss since last Nov. 5 when Bowers told him his daughter had "come to the attention of the FBI because of two items of a derogatory nature." Reuss refused to disclose the "items" but his daughter had told the Reuter news service on April 11 that they were "the typical sort of thing—leftist activities," which allegedly occurred while she was a student in France.

On Nov. 9, Bowers returned and Reuss, who had talked with his daughter, told Bowers he was convinced the informa-

tion was not true and "I told him that in my judgment there was nothing to investigate."

Bowers reportedly said it came from a reliable informant and had to be checked out. Since most of the investigation was to take place in Europe, it would take several months to ascertain the facts, Reuss quoted Bowers as saying.

Yesterday, Reuss said it is the FBI's mission to investigate crime and criminals, "not to compile dossiers on people—congressmen's daughters or not."

He urged an investigation by a congressional committee into the FBI's activities. "I also hope that President Nixon and Attorney General Mitchell will review the activities of the FBI and be frank about their conclusions to their fellow citizens."