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Xerox Aiding FBI Search For Thieves

The Xerox Corp. said yesterday it is "cooperating fully" with the FBI in the search for the Xerox machines used to copy FBI documents stolen in the March 8 raid on the FBI Media, Pa. office.

Peter McCollough, president and chief executive officer of Xerox, disputed earlier reports that Xerox would not provide the FBI with samples of copy images produced by the type machines believed used by the thieves.

"Despite public reports to the contrary," McCollough, said yesterday, "Xerox is cooperating fully with the FBI as we would with any government law enforcement agency now and in the future."

Gerard Mulligan, public relations director for a Xerox division, said earlier that Xerox " . . . decided at the very highest level" not to provide laboratory samples of the copy images. He said lists of customers who lease the 660-series machines, the kind used to copy the documents, had been given to the FBI.

Since the night of the theft, copies of 31 different documents have been sent to newsmen and congressmen by a group calling itself the Citizens Commission to Investigate the FBI.