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LBJ Enjoyed Sex Reports, Anderson Says

WASHINGTON (AP) — FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover "happily prepared secret memos" about the sex lives of public figures for Lyndon B. Johnson's presidential bedtime reading, columnist Jack Anderson testified Monday.

Testifying under oath at a House Government Information subcommittee hearing into executive branch secrecy practices, Anderson said he has seen FBI sex reports.

During secret probes of prominent Americans, Anderson said, "their sex lives,

drinking habits and personal affairs have come under FBI scrutiny, although the FBI has no jurisdiction nor justification for this kind of snooping.

"A love affair, no matter how sordid, is no business of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Yet FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover has demonstrated an intense interest in who is sleeping with whom in Washington," Anderson said.

"President Johnson was one White House occupant who had a fine appreciation for stories about the extracurricular love

lives of public figures," the columnist said. "Hoover happily prepared secret memos, loaded with intimate details about the personal affairs of the high and mighty, for the President's bedtime reading."

Johnson and the FBI had no comment on Anderson's testimony.

At the hearing Anderson mentioned no names of those investigated. When contacted by newsmen, Anderson said he had seen such a report on the Rev. Martin Luther King, slain civil-rights leader.

Anderson said Hoover signed the reports, "and my White House sources told me the President used to enjoy reading them." But Anderson said they are not furnished to the White House now because President Nixon is not interested in reading them.

Anderson urged an end to "massive overclassification," and said there should be a law to declassify automatically all documents after two years.

He added: "The executive branch should be required to explain and to justify any secrets it wished to continue beyond two years. The final decision should be made by a national security commission, with representatives from Congress, the executive, the press and the public."