Is FBI Behind President's Breezy Job?

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The FBI is now guarding President Johnson against cold breezes blowing into the Presidential bedroom in the White House.

When a chill wind sweeps down Pennsylvania Avenue, the President can touch a button near his bed to activate an electrical gadget that closes the double-hung window. For a welcome spring breeze, he can push another button to open the window.

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The gadget also has anelectrical timer that automatically closes the window so
that the bedroom will be
warm and comfortable when
the President arises.

Rumor has it that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover gave the device to the White House some time ago after it was invented by FBI Associate Director Clyde Tolson. The FBI declined to comment.

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A White House employe confirmed that the device is in use in the Presidential bedroom. He said he didn't know how it got there.

The employe said Tolson comes to the White House to repair the gadget when it breaks down. Tolson, an amateur inventor, patented a similar device last week with push buttons, an electric timer and sensors to close casement windows at the outset of strong rains or winds.

Tolson is Hoover's righthand man. In 1960, he obtained a patent on a bottle top that does not require an opener and can be resealed. He acts as his own patent lawyer, having obtained a law degree from George Washington University.