

A Justice Department 'Raid' on FBI Files

Washington

Agents of the FBI, acting under instructions from Justice Department prosecutors, removed yesterday what one federal official termed a "file cabinet after file cabinet" from the FBI's headquarters in Washington and from its field office in New York City.

The documents, now in the possession of the prosecutors, are believed to be relevant to the Justice Department's inquiry into a number of burglaries committed by FBI agents in the New York City area in the last five years.

The agents took possession of

the documents in a carefully coordinated action carried out with no advance warning to the bureau, according to the official.

It was not immediately clear why the Justice Department was moved to make what amounted to a surprise seizure of evidence. The prosecutors, according to FBI Director Clarence M. Kelly, have been getting the full cooperation of the bureau.

But the action raised the possibility that the prosecutors feared that some crucial evidence might be destroyed.

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