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## **FBI Takes Agents Out Of College**

NEW YORK—The FBI has ordered 15 agents to drop out of the John Jay College of Criminal Justice because of criticism of the bureau by a professor, college President Donald H. Riddle said.

Riddle termed the action "terribly sad." He said he was informed by FBI officials in New York that the decision to remove the agents was made personally by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

"They said they were not trying to force me to fire the professor, but they just wanted me to know Mr. Hoover's feelings," said Riddle. "I told them the professor was staying."

FBI spokesmen in New York and Washington declined to comment.

The professor, Dr. Abraham S. Blumberg, said he made his criticism of the FBI last July when students in a class on law and society began discussing "the old critical chestnuts" of the FBI.

"I said something about the cult of personality, and that Mr. Hoover had been in power too long," said Blumberg.

The John Jay School, a branch of City University, has 5,000 students, 600 of them at the graduate level. Most are New York policemen attending college on their own time.

## Senator Wants Hoover's Name Off F.B.I. Building

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 25 — Furious over a report that J. Edgar Hoover had the Federal Bureau of Investigation spy on a former colleague, Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum has introduced a bill that would strip Hoover's name from the building that houses the agency's headquarters.

Mr. Metzenbaum, an Ohio Democrat known in Congress for his irascible liberalism, said he had long felt ashamed when he drove up Pennsylvania Avenue and saw Hoover's name prominently displayed above the building's entrance.

He said in an interview on Friday that his annoyance ignited into anger after Roll Call, a Capitol Hill publication, disclosed on Thursday that the F.B.I. had carried out a loyalty investigation of his old friend and one-time seat-mate, Quentin Burdick, a North Dakota Democrat. Mr. Burdick died last year at the age of 85 after more than three decades in Congress.

Mr. Metzenbaum introduced his bill on the same day he read the Roll Call report, telling his colleagues, "Parading around the nation as a squeaky-clean, crime-fighting G-man, J. Edgar Hoover, we now know, thoroughly abused the powers of his office and

completely trampled on the individual rights of thousands of patriotic, law-abiding citizens."

The bill's prospects are uncertain, although few lawmakers seem likely to welcome a measure that would force them once again to confront the excesses of the Hoover era. Still, Mr. Metzenbaum said he collected the names of seven co-sponsors in 10 minutes after he walked onto the Senate floor.

At the bureau, which has a love-hate relationship with its former Director, officials prefer to keep Hoover's stewardship relegated to the distant past.

But on Friday, some veteran agents seemed irked by Mr. Metzenbaum's proposal, which they viewed as a play for the spotlight and one more slap at the legacy of the man who created one of the world's most sophisticated law-enforcement agencies. One agent said of Mr. Metzenbaum, "Does he want us to name the building after him?"

### Burdick Inquiry Began Early

Lionized during his 48-year stewardship of the F.B.I. as a rock of incorruptible integrity, Hoover has been vilified in books and articles since his death in 1972 as a vengeful, corrupt reactionary who confused dissent with disloyalty. The F.B.I. began collecting informa-

tion about Mr. Burdick, without any apparent indication that he engaged in unlawful activity, in the early 1940's, Roll Call reported from files it obtained under the Freedom of Information Act. At Hoover's request, the bureau assembled a full report on Mr. Burdick a week after he was sworn in to the House in 1959.

The findings recall the sometimes absurd lengths to which F.B.I. agents went in carrying out internal security investigations ordered by Hoover. An anonymous source reported that in 1944 Mr. Burdick bought a one-year subscription to *The Communist*, a publication of the period. Another anonymous source reported that in 1945 he went to a political meeting attended by other people who were accused of being Communists.

None of the bureau's findings were ever disclosed to Mr. Burdick.

"The very idea that Quentin was somehow a Communist is, on its face, laughable," Mr. Metzenbaum said in his floor speech, adding that his "memory will not be tarnished by some of J. Edgar Hoover's sleazy red-baiting 50 years ago."

"Those actions certainly should seal once and for all the historical legacy of J. Edgar Hoover," Mr. Metzenbaum said.

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