

Police Chief Says Hoover Retaliated After Argument

A New England police chief said yesterday his name had been expunged from the list of graduates of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy because he had an argument with

Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. director.

"There is no question my name was erased because of our argument," said Phillip Purcell, the 64-year-old chief of the Newton, Mass., police department. A spokesman for the F.B.I. said the agency would have no comment.

Chief Purcell would not disclose the subject of the argument with Mr. Hoover but said the incident occurred during his tenure as president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The chief was president of the group from

October, 1966, until October, 1967.

In response to an inquiry about the dispute, Quinn Tamm, the association's executive director, said it involved "allegations and innuendos" about the internal administration of the association by Mr. Hoover.

The chief, a policeman for 38 years, attended the F.B.I.'s National Academy immediately after World War II, graduating in October, 1946. He has been chief of the Newton Police Department for 19 years.