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# Hoover Assails McCarthy

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FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover sharply attacked Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy yesterday, saying Americans should view with serious concern the Democratic

presidential candidate's threat "to take over and revamp the FBI to suit his own personal whims and wishes" if elected.

Without mentioning McCarthy by name, Hoover re-

acted angrily in the monthly FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin to the Minnesotan's recent assertions that if he became President he would fire the 73-year-old FBI chief.

"It has been alleged by a prominent candidate for the Presidency of the United States that the FBI under my leadership operates autonomously and without proper control," said Hoover.

"This charge, of course, is not true, and it denotes either a contrived effort to mislead the public or a woeful lack of knowledge of our governmental system of inner checks and balances."

He said, "All Americans should view with serious concern the announced intentions and threats by a political candidate, if elected, to take over and revamp the FBI to suit his own personal whims and wishes."

In Bismarck, N.D., McCarthy was asked at an impromptu press conference what he thought of Hoover's comments.

"Well, I think he ought to be replaced," McCarthy said.

The Senator said that the FBI "has a kind of sacred position it doesn't deserve.

"I don't even know how competent it is. The crime rate is going up. Is it because or in spite . . ." of the FBI? McCarthy said.

Asked whom he would appoint as director of the FBI to replace Hoover, McCarthy said, "I think I'd take someone from the CIA because they don't like the FBI."

Said Hoover, "As most informed citizens know, there are definite limitations on the FBI, its authority and its operations, all of which I consider most essential and which the FBI has meticulously honored over the years."

With the exception of a few presidential directives and instructions by the attorney general, Hoover said laws passed by Congress are the sole source for FBI authority and jurisdiction.