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# Retirement For Hoover?

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Inside sources at the Federal Bureau of Investigation are beginning to think that maybe director J. Edgar Hoover really does intend to retire on his 75th birthday this upcoming Jan. 1.

Personnel who handle press and public information have been notified that no leaves of absence will be granted during December and January.

This was interpreted by some to mean that a full staff will be needed to handle the fanfare of retirement stories.

The FBI director reached the mandatory retirement age for Federal employees in 1964, but former President Johnson signed an executive order allowing Hoover to remain on the job indefinitely.

There have been repeated reports over the past year that Hoover does not intend to stay after he reaches 75. He reportedly has already informed President Nixon that he, Hoover, wanted to remain until this particular birthday celebration and will then be willing to step aside for a younger man.