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## Hoover Cautions Collegians Against Campus Extremists

FBI Director J Edgar Hoover urged college students yesterday to withstand attempts by extremists to promote campus chaos and violence.

In an open letter to students, distributed by United Press International, Hoover praised them for their frankness and distaste for hypocrisy, but cautioned them not to be misled by the "small minority of students and faculty members who... seek to destroy our society."

The FBI director emphasized that "there's nothing wrong with student dissent," but he said there is real ground for concern about those who advocate violence

and destruction rather than genuine reform. He said students should be on guard against these ploys by the "extremists" among them:

- "They'll encourage you to lose respect for your parents and the older generation." The older generation, Hoover said, has made mistakes, but "don't discredit their contributions."

- "They'll try to convert you to the idea that your college is 'irrelevant' and 'a tool of the establishment.'" Such attacks, Hoover said, are often bitter, arrogant and unreasoning.

- "They'll ask you to abandon your basic common sense... Complex issues of state are wrapped in slogans

and cliches." Hoover urged students to examine the facts before embracing a cause simply because it seems fashionable or "the thing to do."

- "They'll encourage you to disrespect the law and hate the law enforcement officer." The FBI Director suggested that students keep police officers they know in mind rather than labeling them as "pigs."

- "They'll tell you that any action is honorable and right if it's 'sincere' or 'idealistic' in motivation." Hoover called this one of "the most seductive" of New Left appeals, but stressed that sincerity confers no license to break the law.

- "They'll ask you to believe that you, as a student and citizen, are powerless by democratic means to effect change in our society." American history, Hoover said, shows the fallacy of this proposition. "Public opinion time after time has brought new policies, goals and methods."

- "They'll encourage you to hurl bricks and stones instead of logical argument at those who disagree with your views." Violence, Hoover said, is a poor substitute for thought, and simply recalls an old saying: "He who strikes the first blow has run out of ideas."