

20 **Mitchell**
Gives OK
To Hoover

WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney General Mitchell said today he did not believe FBI Director Hoover's recent statements were a cause for rebuke.

The Attorney General also said, in a press conference, that the federal government planned no further action in the slaying of two young blacks at Jackson State College in Mississippi last spring and that no decision had been made on whether a federal grand jury inquiry of the Kent State incident in Ohio was necessary. Four students were killed during a demonstration at Kent State.

Mitchell said he was satisfied with Hoover as FBI head and that Hoover had done nothing so far that would require Mitchell's taking action.

Hoover recently created a stir when he accused two imprisoned anti-war priests, the brothers Phillip and Daniel Berrigan, of heading a conspiracy to kidnap a government official.

Mitchell said Hoover's comments, in a magazine interview, that Mexicans and Puerto Ricans posed little threat against a President because "they can't shoot very straight" could not be considered a racial slur.

"You have to read the statement in context," Mitchell said. "He was not castigating any race or creed or anything else.

"I wouldn't try to impede Mr. Hoover's freedom of speech," Mitchell said. "Until he gets to the point where he is doing something improper, and he has not come anywhere near reaching that point, he can say anything he wants to."

In regard to his own future and rumors that he will resign to run President Nixon's reelection campaign in 1972, Mitchell told reporters at his first press conference in five months:

"I haven't been asked and I sure as hell haven't volunteered."

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