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Medical Rap an FBI Poster

WASHINGTON — The appearance of a FBI poster in a hospital power plant in the American Medical Association building in Washington has caused the medical profession to question the poster's content and the police department's handling of it.

The poster was written by Dr. W.P. Gaylin, a prominent physician and director of the Institute for Medical Ethics at the University of California, San Diego. It is a 10-page document that discusses the ethical responsibilities of the medical profession.

The poster was found in a power plant in the American Medical Association building in Washington. It was discovered by a police officer who was investigating a complaint about the poster's content.

The poster's content is a collection of questions and answers about medical ethics. It discusses the doctor's role as a healer and savior, the special relationship between doctor and patient, and the power of the state.

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The poster was described as a collection of three vulgarities and was removed by police officers. A narrative of the poster's content follows:

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Gaylin says the printing of the poster "involves such questions as confidentiality and trust, private needs versus public rights, professional values versus personal ethics, the special role of the healer and savior of his, and the power of the state."

A police suspect with heart disease or some other potentially fatal illness could be prevented from seeking treatment for fear of being caught by doctors who had read FBI posters in

medical journals, he said. The files doctors carry on patients would "make an invaluable data bank" for police use and facilitate their work, Gaylin said. "But is that the function of medicine?"