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appointment is confirmed, the agency will remain non-political as he said it had been during the 43-year tenure of his predecessor, the late J. Edgar Hoover. He also denied he made political speeches for Mr. Nixon during last year's election campaign.

Despite his statements, Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, a Democratic leader and committee member, again said he would not vote for Gray because he still believes the acting director is too political for the job.

The politicalization of the agency is tantamount to a return to the American Gestapo, Byrd said.

**BUGGING**

Gray said he first learned of the Watergate bugging on Monday, June 17, while on the West Coast for speaking