

Newspaper Says *F Post 6/27/73* Johnson Ordered Probe Of Agnew

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Lyndon B. Johnson asked the FBI to conduct an investigation of Vice President-elect Spiro T. Agnew after the 1968 election, the Washington Star-News reported Tuesday.

The Star-News quoted William C. Sullivan, former associate director of the FBI, as saying he supplied information on the investigation to White House Counsel John W. Dean III last February.

Sullivan said the investigation turned up no adverse information.

Dean told the Senate Watergate committee Monday that during Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the nomination of L. Patrick Gray III to be permanent director of the FBI, he told the President that he had talked to Sullivan who "had alluded to the fact that the FBI had been used for political purposes by past administrations."

"The President told me to get this information from Sullivan."

In February Sullivan sent Dean a memorandum saying that in the period between the 1968 election and the inauguration of the new administration, Johnson had ordered the late J. Edgar Hoover, FBI director, to investigate Agnew's background, according to the newspaper.