

Chicago corruption included *Chi. D-N 3/7/73*

FBI giving Nixon aide 'ammunition' irked Gray

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WASHINGTON —FBI field offices sent reports of alleged police corruption in Chicago, New York, Memphis, Philadelphia and New Jersey in response to a White House request for information that President Nixon could use during his 1972 re-election campaign.

The reports compiled by FBI agents in 15 of the largest states were made public by the Senate Judiciary Committee as part of its hearings on the nomination of L. Patrick Gray III to be FBI director.

Gray has testified that he was angered by the FBI's being asked to provide political material for John Ehrlichman, assistant to Mr. Nixon, at the opening of the 1972 campaign. He said he did not know of the request in advance and

criticized his aides for relaying it under his name.

SOME FBI offices mentioned school busing for racial desegregation and the attitude of Mexican-Americans toward a third political party in their responses to the White House request.

But references to police corruption were more common in the replies filed by 21 FBI field offices.

"Police corruption is extremely topical in the press regarding the Chicago Police Department," reported the FBI office there. "FBI, using the Hobbs (anti-racketeering) Act, has indicted 17 Chicago police officers, convicted 6 and investigation and grand jury investigation resulted in 50 additional police officers suspended for use of Fifth Amendment."

The Chicago FBI also report-

ed that the racetrack scandal that led to the conviction of U.S. Appeals Court Judge Otto Kerner "also allegedly involves additional prominent Chicago-area people."

THE NEW JERSEY report said the most significant criminal justice issue was "corruption among police and civic officials," adding:

"Police protection of gambling operations is widespread and appears to exist in most major population areas of the state."

New York FBI reported on "long-standing corruption" involving policemen, as shown in testimony before an investigating commission.

Memphis FBI said an investigation was planned into "alleged irregularities and misconduct" of the Memphis police, and there was a similar report on Philadelphia police.