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Text of Gray's Statement

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WASHINGTON, April 27—Following is the text of a statement by L. Patrick Gray 3d announcing his resignation today as Acting Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

Serious allegations concerning certain acts of my own during the ongoing Watergate investigation are now a matter of public record. As a consequence, I have today tendered my resignation as Acting Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, effective immediately.

This action is required to preserve in both image and fact the reputation, the integrity and the effectiveness of the F.B.I.

This superb investigative agency has been in no way involved in any of those personal acts or judgments that may now be called into question—and my own continued presence at the helm must not be permitted to create even the hint or implication of involvement, false though it is.

The F.B.I. deserves the full trust of the American people: That is bedrock and must always remain so.

I depart from the F.B.I. with a clear conscience, the knowledge that I have done my duty as best I have been able to see that duty and with an admiration and respect for the men and women of the F.B.I. that only one who has led them and served with them can ever fully understand.
