

THE CASE OF PAT GRAY

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Now that Pat Gray has been declared too honest to become head of the FBI--a Justice Department official told Intelligence Report, "If Pat had only kept his mouth shut about turning over the FBI Watergate reports to John Dean, the President's counsel, he might have been confirmed" --another question poses itself. Is Pat Gray too honest to become a federal judge?

In 1970, before Gray was appointed an assistant U.S. Attorney General, the then Rep. Lowell Weicker (R., Conn.), now a Senator, recommended him for a vacancy on the bench of the

U.S. Second Court of Appeals.

Before the recommendation could be acted upon, Gray was appointed to the Justice Department, and the vacancy remained. When last year President Nixon appointed Gray acting head of the FBI, Senator Weicker recommended another lawyer, Francis McCarthy of Hartford, for the vacancy on the bench. But now Gray, seeking to prevent Nixon from undue embarrassment, has stepped down as a potential FBI chief. The White House owes him a great favor. Will it give him the federal judgeship he was considering in 1970? Or is it even too late for that?