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2 Groups Reported Investigating Possibility of Perjury by Gray

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WASHINGTON, [illegible] — The [illegible] the death of the bureau's first [illegible] Edgar Hoover [illegible] May 1972 was nominated by [illegible] Nixon to succeed Mr. [illegible] Hoover on Feb. 17, 1973. After [illegible] Mr. Gray's name was linked [illegible] the Watergate controversy during [illegible] confirmation hearings [illegible] announced last [illegible] Investigation [illegible] Mr. Gray's [illegible] withdraw his nomination.

After the first published [illegible] Three weeks later, on April [illegible] ports of the wiretap [illegible] Mr. Gray resigned as acting [illegible] February, Mr. Gray told the [illegible] director and was replaced by [illegible] Senate Judiciary Committee [illegible] D. Ruckelshaus [illegible] which was holding the confirmation hearings that he had [illegible] Mr. Kennedy [illegible] pressed Mr. Gray during [illegible] inquired and found [illegible] confirmation hearings [illegible] of any such business [illegible]

The New York Times reported last December, however, [illegible] that a copy of the F.B.I. [illegible] tapping our own telephones [illegible] ment it had obtained showed [illegible] President Nixon disclosed [illegible] that Mr. Gray, while acting director of the F.B.I., had [illegible] 1969 and February 1971 [illegible] advised in advance of his testimony of the surveillance effort [illegible] tapes had been placed with his approval on four newsmen and [illegible] which was defined by them but [illegible] Government officials [illegible] had included nearly 20 wiretaps [illegible] of speaking [illegible] over a two-year period [illegible] security information to [illegible]

Sources close to the special [illegible] prosecutor's investigation [illegible] the one by a Senate Judiciary [illegible] Committee subcommittee [illegible] appeared last Feb. 26 [illegible] is headed by [illegible] Mr. Gray [illegible] M. Kennedy [illegible] denied knowledge of the matter [illegible] achusetts [illegible] But the F.B.I. document stated [illegible] possible eventual prosecution of [illegible] a full report of the tapes [illegible] Mr. Gray for having committed [illegible] had been prepared for him that [illegible] perjury before the Senate [illegible] day, and added that he [illegible]

Mr. Gray, who had been [illegible] been informed of the secret [illegible] ing director of the F.B.I. since [illegible] operation before [illegible]