

Bork to Urge Saxbe Study Of FBI Role

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Acting Attorney General Robert H. Bork said yesterday he will urge Sen. William B. Saxbe (R-Ohio) to look into the FBI's three-year infiltration of left-wing organizations when Saxbe becomes Attorney General.

Bork said the FBI matter, which is being studied as part of an overall Justice Department review of FBI activities, and the reorganization of the department are "top priority" issues that Saxbe should consider.

Last week the department released memos written by the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover ordering the bureau on May 10, 1968, to "expose, disrupt, and otherwise neutralize" the New Left movement. The FBI should "also inspire action in instances where circumstances warrant," Hoover wrote. He discontinued the campaign without explanation in April, 1971.

Asked about the propriety of the FBI's action, Bork, a former Yale law professor, recalled that New Haven "was frozen with fear" during the May Day, 1970, demonstrations, "and I hope then that someone was in those (New Left) groups who knew what was happening."

He said he assumed Hoover's purpose was "gathering intelligence on groups that were violence-prone and perhaps heading off violent actions."