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# Hoover's Texas Drive to Stamp Out Free Love

## Washington

J. Edgar Hoover authorized the FBI to forge letters from parents to protest conditions at the University of Texas after he was angered by a news story describing free love at the school, according to FBI documents.

The action was disclosed yesterday by the Senate Intelligence Committee, which is investigating FBI attempts to suppress the new left.

According to the documents, on Aug. 27, 1968, Hoover authorized the FBI's San Antonio office to send a clipping of the story, written by UPI's Austin Bureau, and a false letter from an anonymous parent of a student, to former state Senator Wayne Connally and Frank C. Erwin, former chairman of the University board of regents and a confidant of

## President Lyndon B. Johnson.

According to the records, the San Antonio FBI suggested to Hoover: "This letter could be written in the vein of an irate parent who was considering sending his son and-or daughter to the University of Texas to receive a college education.

"The anonymous letter could protest such activity at a state-supported university."

Although Hoover authorized sending the letter, he warned, "this communication is to be prepared on locally obtained stationery that cannot be traced to the bureau or to the government," the memos said.

Attached to Hoover's authorization was a note saying the anonymous letter "may be of value in forcing the university to take action against those adminis-

trators who are permitting an atmosphere to build up on campus which will be fertile field for the new left."

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