

FBI Report Due On New Left Plan

Washington

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelly yesterday promised a full, detailed report on operations of a three-year program launched by the late J. Edgar Hoover "to expose, disrupt and otherwise neutralize" the New Left movement.

Kelly strongly defended the so-called counter-intelligence operation as a vital measure "to protect the fabric of our society."

Kelly promised the report to the attorney general, indicating that it would not be made public immediately, and offered no additional information about the program's activities.

Hoover established the nationwide operation on May 10, 1968, and terminated it on April 28, 1971.

Sources have said the operation involved the use of agents-provocateurs to incite possible violent activities.

Two memos giving a general description of the operation were made public by the FBI on Thursday after the Justice Department decided against appealing a court order that they be turned over to an NBC newsmen.

The bulk of Kelly's 3½-page statement yesterday was devoted to a defense of the operation, beginning with an account of what he called "a hard core revolutionary movement which . . . set out in its own words to bring the government to its knees through the use of force and violence."

Associated Press

See Nixon statement, 22 May 73

WXPost 23 May 73 (filed W/gate)

SFChronicle, 7, 9 Dec 73 (filed Infiltrators)

NYTimes 24 May 73, Hersh (filed W/gate)