

F.B.I. Director Says Nixon Wants Nonpolitical Agency

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Washington, May 4 - ..... According to a White House official, the President also reminisced at this meeting [with L. Patrick Gray, following Hoover funeral] ... about Mr. Hoover. He reportedly said that for the last 25 years Mr. Hoover had been one of his closest personal friends in government.

The President explained, according to the official, that he had met Mr. Hoover when he was a freshman Congressman and they had been friends since. Mr. Nixon disclosed that he and Mr. Hoover had always exchanged Christmas gifts and that Mr. Hoover had been his guest not only at the White House but also at his homes in San Clemente, Calif., and Key Biscayne, Fla. \*

Mr. Nixon also disclosed, according to the White House official, that before he became President, he had occasionally gone to the race track with Mr. Hoover.

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\* [Not before he became President?]