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Nixon Wants FBI to Act In Campus Terror Cases

Washington

President Nixon asked Congress yesterday to authorize prompt federal intervention in cases of bombing or arson on university or college campuses.

The President's request was disclosed by Republican legislative leaders after a three hour conference with Mr. Nixon, Attorney General John N. Mitchell and FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

The leaders also said the President would ask for an additional 1000 FBI agents to deal with campus disorders and to assist in programs designed to thwart aerial hijackings.

The FBI now has about 7000 agents. The administration is expected to ask Congress to include funds for the 1000 extra agents in a final supplemental appropriations bill.

Under the President's latest anti-crime proposal, Federal agents would be permitted to intervene in cases involving bombing or arson on

campuses of institutions receiving Federal financial aid. Nearly all universities and colleges receive Federal aid in one form or another.

Representative Emanuel Celler (Dem-N.Y.), chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said later that his committee will add the President's proposal to a Senate-passed bill designed to crack down on organized crime.

Celler predicted that his committee will clear the anti-crime bill today for House floor action within the next two weeks.

Under present law, federal authorities can assist in investigating major campus disorders only if asked by university or college officials or by local civil authorities.

The new proposal would allow federal agents to intervene even if specifically asked not to do so, according to Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania.

House Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan reported that FBI Director

Hoover told the White House gathering that the radical leftist group, Students for a Democratic Society, had been directly involved in 247 arson cases, 462 personal injury incidents, and 300 "other episodes of destruction" during the past academic

Both legislative leaders emphasized that federal agents will intervene only after actual bombings or other major terrorist acts and will not be used to forestall disturbances.

The President's proposal for dealing with campus bombings came just a day after a House Judiciary Subcommittee had added stiff anti-bombing provisions to the Administration's anti-crime bill before sending it to the full committee.

The subcommittee proposal would extend the death penalty to cases where terrorist bombings result in fatalities. It also would provide federal controls over the sales of explosives in interstate commerce.

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