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**Move to Fire
Drug Men in
Mistake Raids**

Washington

The Drug Enforcement Administration began proceedings yesterday to fire the six agents involved in mistaken raids at two Collinsville, Ill., homes.

Acting DEA Administrator John R. Bartels Jr. announced the action and said he also has proposed demoting Edmund C. Irvin, the supervisor who was in charge of the Collinsville raids.

Bartels said the agency has notified the Civil Service Commission of the proposal to fire the six agents, William C. Dwyer, Leon Phillips, Kenneth R. Bloenker, Dennis W. Harker, Michael W. Hillebrand and Dennis R. Moriarty. Under Civil Service Commission regulations, the agents are entitled to present arguments in their favor.

Bartels said that until the commission rules on the case the agents will be placed in a non-law enforcement status and will be prohibited from carrying weapons, making arrests, conducting searches or participating in any way in criminal investigations. The six have been relieved of all duties until August 24 to prepare their replies to the charges. As supervisor of the St. Louis district office, Irvin was in charge of the April 23 raids in Collinsville.

On that night agents burst into the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Giglotto and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Askew in search of illicit drug caches. The agents later acknowledged they had raided the wrong homes.

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