

FBI's Emergency Arrest List

The FBI maintained a list of thousands of potential spies and saboteurs liable to arrest in case of a national emergency, it was disclosed yesterday.

A spokesman for the agency said the list was started in the early 1950s under the Subversives Control Act [McCarran Act] but was destroyed in 1971 when the law was repealed.... The New York Times* said the so-called "security index" once contained about 15,000 names.... One source said the list, though shorter, still exists in case the detention powers, ~~was~~ repealed by Congress in 1971, come back into force. The report said the FBI admitted keeping a list for its own administrative purposes but not with detention in mind.

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