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Washington, May 24 (AP)- The Washington Post said tonight President Johnson has ordered a team of ^BFBI agents into the Dominican Republic to investigate the extent and nature of Communist influence in the island's civil war.

The story added that details about these FBI activities are being kept strictly secret. It said ~~the~~ White House spokesmen had denied that the FBI had been brought into the Dominican situation at all.

The Post story went on to say:

"However it is known the President personally contacted FBI director J. Edgar Hoover last week and requested him to undertake the investigation.

"Still unknown at this point is the number of FBI agents involved and whether any of them have gone to Santo Domingo yet." 1113ped

The FBI in a request by the Associated Press for comment on the Post story said there would be none. There was no immediate White House comment.

The Post went on to say:

"Mr. Johnson's decision to bring the FBI into the situation represents a departure from the policy followed by every American president since the immediate post-World War II period.

"At that time, the FBI was assigned primary responsibility for countering subversion and espionage activities within the United States. Responsibility for evaluating and dealing with subversive activities in other countries became the general province of the Central Intelligence Agency.

"From time to time, the FBI has been known to extend its activities abroad, but in general the rule has been that the FBI concentrates on domestic security while the CIA handles overseas operations

"Until now, this has been the case in the Dominican Republic."

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