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WASHINGTON, OCT. 26 (AP)-PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT THE FBI HAS AGENTS COLLECTING INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN DENIED BY FBI DIRECTOR J. EDGAR HOOVER AND WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY BILL D. MOYERS.

THE NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE SAID YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD DIRECTED THE FBI INTO AT LEAST EIGHT LATIN AMERICAN CITIES WHERE IT HAS NOT OPERATED SINCE WORLD WAR II.

MOYERS SAID THE REPORT "IS NOT TRUE AND IS IRRESPONSIBLE IN MY OPINION BECAUSE IT IS NOT TRUE."

HOOVER SAID THAT THE FBI DOES MAINTAIN A NUMBER OF LIAISON POSTS ABROAD TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION RELATING TO DOMESTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT. THESE INCLUDE OFFICES IN MEXICO CITY, RIO DE JANEIRO AND BUENOS AIRES.

"THIS COOPERATION CONTINUES," THE FBI CHIEF SAID IN A STATEMENT, "OTHERWISE, THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS WHATEVER TO THE FBI WITH RESPECT TO THE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION IN LATIN AMERICA."

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