

FBI RIGHT TO INTERVENE ON CAMPUSES PROPOSED

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Nixon urged Congress today to authorize immediate federal intervention in cases of bombings or arson on virtually any college campus and recommended the hiring of an additional 1,000 FBI agents to do the job.

Nixon's new move was announced at a White House briefing by Republican congressional leaders after they had met for nearly three hours with the President, Atty. Gen. John Mitchell and Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

As described to newsmen, the legislation proposed to Congress would trigger instant federal intervention when bombings, arson and terrorist acts affect a college or university receiving federal assistance. That includes virtually all institutions of higher learning.

NIXON PROPOSED that the FBI add 1,000 agents to deal with campus outbreaks of the sort involved and to assist in programs aimed at thwarting aerial hijacking. The FBI now has about 7,000 agents.

These additional agents also would help combat plane hijackings.

House GOP Leader Gerald Ford of Michigan quoted Hoover as reporting that the organization Students for a Democratic Society was directly involved in 247 arson cases and 462 personal injury incidents in the past academic year. He said these were in addition to about 300 other episodes of destruction of other facilities or property.

Ford, predicting congressional enactment of the legislation, declared, "I think it will have a beneficial effect."

He said instances of campus terrorism "have increased in number, tempo and seriousness" and thus prompted Nixon's recommendation.

FORD AND Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania told reporters that, under terms of the legislation, federal agents would move onto campuses in bombing and arson cases even if they were requested to stay away by college administrators.

The recommendation would be added to a pending bill aimed primarily at organized crime.

Scott said the program Nixon envisions would cost nearly \$23 million over the course of a full year.