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The FBI Mystery Here

An aura of mystery that even Sherlock Holmes might have trouble unraveling hung over FBI headquarters at the Federal Building here yesterday.

Specially, reporters were puzzling over the rapid-fire transfer of Harry Morgan, who was the FBI's special agent in charge of the office here for less than five months.

Morgan, who was planning to buy a \$60,000 home in Walnut Creek — at least until yesterday — was unavailable for comment.

SUCCESSOR

And the man whisked into town Monday night to replace Morgan wasn't much more helpful.

"Mr. Morgan has been transferred to Dallas as a special agent," said Robert E. Gebhardt, 46, who sat behind a desk that still had Morgan's nameplate on it.

"It is a routine, administrative transfer," said Gebhardt, who was in Washington, D.C., attending a conference when he was ordered here to take command.

"And of course," Gebhardt concluded pleasantly, "the FBI will have no further comment in connection with Mr. Morgan's transfer."

On the face of it, Morgan's transfer connoted something



ROBERT GEBHARDT
The new man

of a demotion: from running an office in San Francisco to toiling, along with other agents, in the vineyards of Dallas.

DINNER

Speculation had it that Morgan goofed — "broke his pick," as they say in the FBI — at a testimonial dinner given here recently for an attorney when he made remarks displeasing to his superiors in Washington, D.C.

The new FBI chief here has been with the bureau since 1947 and he is an economics major with his degree from Fordham University.

Prior to assuming command here, Gebhardt was in charge of the FBI's Phoenix, Ariz., office. He served as assistant special agent in charge of the bureau's office here from 1961 to 1962.

A Navy veteran of World War II, Gebhardt is married and has six children.