

**'Gray Is Gray'**

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# New FBI Chief's Different Style

## New York

Acting FBI director L. Patrick Gray III said yesterday he will review the suitability of FBI files on suspected subversives and "see that I do my part to give the press the facts" on agency operations.

"It's not a question of secrecy, but rather a difference of style," said Gray when asked whether his policies would differ from those of the late J. Edgar Hoover.

"Gray is Gray, and Hoover is Hoover," said the acting FBI chief. "There's not going to be any change in substance. It's a question of style."

Gray was in New York for an inspection of the regional FBI headquarters. Asked if he wanted a permanent appointment as FBI director, he said only, "I look at this as a return to nonpartisan service."

## WOMEN

In Washington meanwhile, the FBI made official Gray's announcement Thursday that the bureau would change its male-only policy to let women become special agents.

Hoover, who died May 2, had vehemently opposed hiring women for the crime investigating jobs because he said the work was too dangerous.

In a press release he helped draft himself, Gray said his action was actually required by an Aug. 9, 1969, presidential order that Hoover apparently felt was not applicable to the FBI.

Gray said President Nixon's nondiscrimination order — along with the recently enacted 1972 Equal Employment Opportunity Act — required the FBI to accept women.

## SUIT

Last August 4, two women filed suit in U.S. District Court in an effort to order Hoover's men-only policy to be declared unconstitutional.

One of the women, Sandra R. Nemser, said yesterday the policy change is "just amazing."

She said she will submit her application as quickly as possible and estimated that "hundreds, if not thousands, of other women will do the same."

"I would really like to meet Mr. Gray and shake his hand," said the 29-year-old lawyer.

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