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ALEANY, N.Y. AP - L. Patrick Gray III, acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Tuesday the FBI's top priority now is organized crime.
"We're on the alert for all 'isms,' but I don't feel any one of them is entitled to preference over any other 'ism.'
Our top target is organized crime,' Gray said at a news conference.
Asked if he felt his predecessor, J. Edgar Hoover, was too concerned with the threat of communism, Gray declared, "I don't believe the late director had a phobia concerning communism.', the acting director, appointed by President Nixon after Hoover's death earlier this year, said the principal change he has made in the FBI's operations involves "actively soliciting the views of the field directors and their staffs.', Gray arrived in Albany for what was described as an inspection tour of the local FBI office, one of 59 such stops across the country. He toured the office, met with newsmen and left town on an 11 a.m. flight.