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**F.B.I. Aide Demoted
In a Mustache Dispute**

EL PASO, Tex., Sept. 16 (UPI)—The special agent in charge in Los Angeles—the bureau's second largest field office—has been suspended for 25 days and demoted to head of the El Paso office for refusing to obey the order of L. Patrick Gray, acting director, to let agents wear mustaches, an F.B.I. spokesman says.

Wesley Gleason Grapp, 54 years old, chief of the 600-employee Los Angeles office for the last eight years, was suspended Aug. 25.

Despite Mr. Gray's order, Mr. Grapp told about eight agents in his office to shave off their mustaches and, according to a Washington Star-News account, said he was the special agent in charge and "wasn't abdicating to anyone."