

Senate Offered Bugging Data

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[Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, in the course of a breakfast session with newsmen 18 Jan] put public pressure on President Nixon to make acting FBI director L. Patrick Grey III the permanent director.

He said Grey has done "a great job" since succeeding J. Edgar Hoover in the post last year, but will remain an "easy target" for both critics and rivals for the job as long as his status is "acting director."

Kleindienst said he had recommended that Gray be named director and "I don't know why" the President is delaying.

Pressed as to any possible reason for Mr. Nixon's inaction, Kleindienst told reporters, "I don't know. You know where he (Mr. Nixon) is. Go ask him."

At the White House, deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said he would have no comment on Kleindienst's remarks. "When the President has an appointment to make, we will announce it," Warren said.

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