

An Agent Dissents on Need For F.B.I. Man as Director

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WASHINGTON, May 1 (AP) —While most of the F.B.I.'s top officials are reported in agreement that the agency's permanent director should be an F.B.I. career man, at least one disagrees.

Leonard Walters, an assistant director, released a telegram yesterday that he said was endorsed by the acting associate director, all assistant directors and all special agents in charge. It asked President Nixon to consider promoting an official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation into the director's post instead of naming another outsider.

While the telegram was signed "All F.B.I. Officials," Wallace Estill, long-time director of the Knoxville, Tenn., office, said today he did not agree entirely that the permanent director should be a career man.

Mr. Estill said he had refused to sign the telegram. An agent for 31 years, Mr. Estill said he had sent his own telegram to Mr. Nixon saying that in addition to current F.B.I. officials, "others of integrity with expertise in law enforcement" should be considered for the directorship.