

G.A.O. EXAMINING OPERATIONS OF F.B.I.

1972, and the G.A.O. investigation was approved after a series of meetings with new director, Clarence M. Kelley, The Tribune said.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21 (UPI)—The General Accounting Office is conducting a nationwide investigation into the daily operations of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The Chicago Tribune reported Saturday.

The investigation will focus on studies to determine if the F.B.I. is using its employees properly, if it is properly spending money allocated to it, and if it is cooperating with local police agencies across the country, the newspaper said. The bureau's gatherings of intelligence and national security matters will not be explored, it said.

The investigation by the G.A.O., an arm of Congress is the first of the F.B.I. ever undertaken by another Government agency, the newspaper and in its early Sunday editions.

Roland Sawyer, a G.A.O. spokesman, was quoted as saying the agency always believed it had the authority to conduct an investigation into F.B.I. activities, but the late bureau director, J. Edgar Hoover, "just wouldn't approve it."

"And without the cooperation of the agency involved, there's no way we can conduct a proper investigation," Mr. Sawyer said.

Mr. Hoover died on May 1,

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