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**Plan to Limit****Power of****FBI Chief**

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Congress should limit FBI directors to eight or nine years in office so that none becomes as powerful as J. Edgar Hoover, former deputy attorney general William Ruckelshaus said yesterday.

"This much power must never be permitted again," Ruckelshaus said in testimony before the Senate Intelligence Committee. \*

"The director should be appointed for a term of years. Eight or nine years should be long enough."

Hoover was FBI director from the bureau's creation in 1924 until his death in May, 1972.

Ruckelshaus, who was acting FBI director for 80 days after Hoover's death, recommended the fixed term of office as one of his proposals for tightening controls over the bureau and for reducing potential abuse of its investigative powers.

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