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Investigator Says F.B.I.
Issues Misleading Data

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29 (AP)—Congressional investigators said today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation's method of totaling up its accomplishments was misleading.

Victor L. Lowe of the General Accounting Office told a House Judiciary subcommittee that the bureau's success statistics often represented the work of local law enforcement agencies as the bureau's work. The bureau also inflates the potential money losses it has prevented, Mr. Lowe said.

Mr. Lowe said the bureau was trying to develop new ways to measure and report accomplishments that serve as a basis for its budget and congressional appropriations.

In one accomplishment category, convictions, the agency said, the bureau had counted 10 convictions for one man convicted of writing 10 bad checks. In another category, money, Mr. Lowe said, a Federal court judge dismissed a land title suit for \$1 million. The bureau had only investigated the background of those bringing the suit, yet claimed a saving of \$1 million for its effort, he said.

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