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## Hoover Hits Obscenity, 'MacBird'

### Washington

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover has assailed organizers of campus filthy-speech movements and the author of the play "MacBird," saying that they are "determined to destroy all acceptable standards of personal conduct and sane behavior."

Hoover fired his broadside in a foreword to the FBI's monthly Law Enforcement Bulletin which is distributed free to about 57,000 law enforcement officials.

Small but vocal groups, Hoover said, "seem bent on eliminating all ethical practices relating to our established order."

In an obvious reference to Barbara Garson's off-Broadway production of "MacBird" Hoover said:

"We should be alarmed when widespread recognition and monetary awards go to a person who writes a 'satirical' piece of trash which maliciously defames the President of our country and insinuates he murdered his predecessor."

Hoover scored "some groups, which under the guise of academic freedom and constitutional privilege, flood our college campuses with obscene four-letter-word campaigns and pornographic publications which violate all codes of ethics."

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