

Police Chief Says Hoover Retaliated After Argument

A New England police chief said yesterday his name had been expunged from the list of graduates of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's National Academy because he had an argument with J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. director.

"There is no question my name was erased because of our argument," said Philip Purcell, the 64-year-old chief of the Newton, Mass., police department. A spokesman for the F.B.I. said the agency would have no comment.

Chief Purcell would not disclose the subject of the argument with Mr. Hoover but said

the incident occurred during his tenure as president of the International Association of Chiefs of Police. The chief was president of the group from October, 1966, until October, 1967.

In response to an inquiry about the dispute, Quinn Tamm, the association's executive director, said it involved "allegations and innuendos" about the internal administration of the association by Mr. Hoover.

Mr. Tamm said the director first made these allegations to another officer of the association and that when Chief Purcell heard them he immediately invited Mr. Hoover to meet with the group's board of officers. Mr. Hoover, according to Mr. Tamm, declined this invitation.