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Boggs Blasts FBI 'Thought Control'

Demands Hoover Resign

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WASHINGTON—House Majority Leader Hale Boggs of Louisiana, calling again for the resignation of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, said today the FBI is moving toward thought control of the American people.

Expanding his criticism of the FBI, Boggs said no one was accountable for or knowledgeable about the agency's activities. He said Congress' silence hastened the growth of tyranny.

Boggs, No. 2 Democrat in the House, charged the FBI with harassment, intimidation and blackmail.

He said the FBI was guilty of "closer and closer surveillance of not only the deeds, but the words and thoughts" of the American people.

In a speech to the House following up his earlier request for Hoover's resignation, Boggs said an apathetic Congress has permitted the FBI to expand its spying practices unchecked.

'Vast New Powers'

"Over the postwar years," he said, "we have granted to the elite and secret policy within our system vast new powers over the lives and liberties of the people."

Boggs' speech, which was awaited as his answer to demands of Hoover's defenders that he offer proof of his charges that the FBI tapped the phones of Congressmen, went beyond his earlier remarks in its denunciation of Hoover and the FBI.

He said telephone company investigators had found evidence that the phone in his home had been tapped, and he repeated other alleged instances of FBI surveillance that have come to light in recent days.

But the main thrust of his

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speech was an assertion that the liberties of Americans have been undermined by the secret activities of the FBI.

Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell, in a reply to Boggs' original charges, said:

"Let me repeat categorically: The FBI has not tapped the telephone of any member of the House or Senate, now or in the past."

Over the years, Boggs said, Congress has been surrendering its duty of oversight over bureaus, agencies and organizations in the federal

government "which are not most sensitively involved with the lives and liberties of the people."

"We have authorized and permitted the bureaus and agencies to assume powers that belong to Congress," he added.

"We have established the rule of the dossier.

"We have conferred respectability upon the informer.

"We have sanctioned the use of bribes and payments to citizen to spy upon citizen. "We have consented to the accused being denied the right to confront his accuser.

"But this is not all . . ." No member of the House, Boggs said, knows or can know with certainty which or how many bureaus and

agencies may be involved in "clandestine activities" not subject to "meaningful reporting."

Neither can any number of the House know with certainty, he added, "what bureaus and agencies involved with the liberties of the American people may be doing."

Boggs emphasized that he was speaking "only for myself" and not in his capacity as majority leader of the House. He is a Democratic congressman from Louisiana.