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Clyde A. Tolson, longtime friend and little known right-hand-man to J. Edgar Hoover for 40 years, has resigned from the FBI, it was announced vesterday

announced yesterday.
Citing "ill health," Tolson, who will be 72 on May 22, submitted his resignation effective at the close of business Wednesday to L. Patrick Gray III, who had been named a few hours earlier to be acting director of the FBI on the death of Hoover.

FBI on the death of Hoover.

A native of Laredo, Mo.,
Tolson became a special
agent of the FBI in April,
1928, and served in the Boston and Washington field offices before being named
chief clerk at FBI headquarters.

In 1936 he became assistant to the director, and in 1937, he was promoted to the associate director and No. 2 man under Hoover.

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