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Hoover's Penchant for 'Freebies'

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Author Irving Wallace says former FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover was a notorious freeloader.

The author reportedly uncovered that facet of Hoover's character while doing research for a book, the "R Document," a fictional account of an FBI chief taking over the country through a constitutional amendment.

Wallace said yesterday he uncovered several instances in which Hoover took advantage of so-called "freebies," particularly with meals.

For instance, he said, Hoover and Hoover's friend, Clyde Tolson, dined for years at Harvey's Restaurant in Washington, never paying a bill.

After a change in management, Hoover was asked to pay; Wallace said, and he never returned.

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