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FBI's Emergency Arrest List

The FBI maintained a list of thousands of potential spies and saboteurs liable to arrest in case of a national emergency, it was disclosed yesterday.

A spokesman for the agency said the list was started in the early 1950s under the Subversives Control Act [McCarran Act] but was destroyed in 1971 when the law was repealed.... The New York Times*said the so-called "security index" once contained about 15,000 names.... One source said the list, though shorter, still exists in case the detention powers, repealed by Congress in 1971, come back into force. The report said the FBI admitted keeping a list for its own administrative purposes but ~~a~~ not with detention in mind....

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