New FBI Chief Visits S.F. Office

by George Murphy

The abortive attempt to bug the Democratic National Committee headquarters in Washington is under "active investigation" by the FBI, the bureau's acting director said yesterday.

L. Patrick Gray III, 55, who took over as acting FBI chief last month, told a press conference at the bureau's San Francisco field office that "there is no question we have jurisdiction" in the case.

Federal law, he said, "prohibits illegal interception of communications," and that applies to the amateurish efforts of five men who reportedly tried to install listening devices in the Democrats' headquarters in the capital.

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