

Four Congressmen Defend Hoover's Mind

Washington

Four Congressmen defended the late J. Edgar Hoover yesterday against "scurrilous remarks" attributed to a former FBI official in a published interview Tuesday.

The Los Angeles Times had quoted William H. Sullivan, whom Hoover forced to resign as assistant FBI director in 1971, as saying Hoover "wasn't of sound mind" and "was no longer rational."

Representatives Robert L. F. Sikes (Dem-Fla.), John J.

Flynt Jr. (Dem-Ga.), and John M. Slack (Dem-Va.), all members of an appropriations subcommittee, said they were among the last congressmen to talk with Hoover. Joining them was Representative Samuel L. Devine (Rep-Ohio) an ex-FBI agent.

Hoover appeared before the subcommittee March 2, 1972, about two months before his death, the three congressmen said, and appeared to them to be very stable.

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