

# FBI and Eagleton's Health

Washington

The FBI has found no evidence in its files to support a charge in 1972 by former Attorney General Ramsey Clark that it possessed information on Senator Thomas F. Eagleton's mental health, according to confidential FBI reports.

Clark, who headed the Justice Department during the latter months of the Johnson administration, was quoted one day before the 1972 presidential election as saying he had seen such information in an FBI file while serving as deputy attorney general in 1965.

He said the details of the Missouri Democrat's treatment for exhaustion and depression, which resulted in his being dropped as the Democratic vice presidential nominee, had been unearthed by FBI agents investigating Eagleton's fitness for a possible appointment as an assistant attorney general.

As the Watergate scandal unfolded, there have been reports that the Nixon administration had obtained information on Eagleton's medical history between the time he received the Democratic vice presidential nomination in July, 1972, and his public disclosure three weeks later that he had undergone electro-shock therapy.

One report, carried by the Washington Post last May, charged that Eagleton's "confidential health records" had been in the possession of John D. Ehrlichman, President Nixon's former domestic affairs adviser, "several weeks before

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the information was leaked to the news media."

However, the confidential FBI report shows that a search of the bureau's records of the senator, ordered the day after Clark's charges were made public, had been unproductive.

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