

## FBI Probe Of Rifle Association

### Washington

The FBI confirmed yesterday it is investigating the National Rifle Association, a group that has never registered with Congress as a lobby.

The NRA contends it is an educational organization and does not engage in lobbying.

An NRA official asserted that FBI agents said they were investigating at the request of an unidentified member of Congress.

The FBI said the Justice Department asked for the inquiry. Assistant Attorney General Fred Vinson Jr., the official who reportedly made the request, refused to answer questions about the investigation.

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