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Washington, May 25 (AP)- The White House acknowledged in effect today that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is playing an investigatory role in the Dominican situation.

Press secretary George E. Reedy was asked at a news briefing to comment on a report published by the Washington Post that President Johnson had ordered FBI agents into the Dominican Republic to investigate the extent and nature of communist influence in the revolt there.

Reedy said:

"The only thing I am going to say on this is that the FBI and the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency) are working jointly as they customarily do on activities that are connected with the welfare of our own country."

Referring any further inquiries to the FBI, Reedy asserted, "That's all I'm going to say."

Reedy was asked if it wasn't unusual for the FBI to be involved in an overseas situation. He repeated that he would not go beyond his earlier statement.

A reporter said that the FBI earlier had given a "no comment" to questions about its role in the Dominican crisis. He asked if the FBI now was prepared to say more.

Reedy replied that he was not committing the FBI to any further statement but was simply announcing that the FBI would say whatever could be said, "which at this point may be absolutely nothing."

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