

Letter by Hoover on F.B.I. Released

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 28—A group of lawyers, scholars and journalists who are holding a conference on the Federal Bureau of Investigation tomorrow and Saturday at Princeton University released the text of a letter today from J. Edgar Hoover.

As has been reported earlier, Mr. Hoover's 10-page letter constitutes a defense of the F.B.I. as an efficient, fair law enforcement agency. In it, Mr. Hoover declined to come to the conference, sponsored by the Committee for Public Justice, or to send a bureau representative.

The committee was formed last November as an organization of private citizens concerned that the nation had entered "a period of political repression." Its director, Stephen Gillers, has said that the conference "is intended to be a scholarly inquiry into the structure, role and powers of the bureau in American society."

Participants will include law professors, former Justice Department officials and former F.B.I. agents. The conference chairmen are Burke Marshall, deputy dean of the Yale Law School; Duane Lockard, chairman of the Princeton Politics Department, and Norman Dorsen, professor at New York University Law School.