
FBI Aide Returns to S.F.

Special Agent Robert E. Gebhardt of the San Francisco FBI office has been transferred to Washington to replace Assistant Director Charles W. Bates of the general investigative division.

Rotation

Bates will replace Gebhardt under a major personnel policy change announced yesterday by Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III. Both jobs carry a top salary of \$36,000 annually.

Under the new policy, top officials at headquarters will be sent back to the field and field commanders sent to Washington to replace them.

Gray said the exchange of positions by Gebhardt and Bates represents a new policy instituted by him.

Staff Changes

He said this would permit "field commanders to have periodic duty at FBI headquarters and top ranking bureau officials to have tours of duty in the field."

The latest changes in the FBI top staff are the seventh and eighth since Gray succeeded the late J. Edgar Hoover May 3. Six associate or assistant directors have retired in that period.

Bates, 52, is returning to the San Francisco office which he headed between June, 1967, and April, 1970, when he was transferred to Chicago. Hoover promoted him to be an assistant director in September, 1971.
