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Kelley to Open FBI to Media

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Oct. 11 (UPI) — FBI Director Clarence Kelley said today the bureau will be more open in its dealing with news media in an effort to overcome what he said were fears among Americans that "cloak and dagger tactics of the FBI threaten to make it a Gestapo."

FBI executives and agents next month will begin management training courses that will include suggestions for developing closer working relationships with the news media, Kelley told a luncheon meeting of the National Newspaper Association.

Kelley admitted that the FBI previously had not been open with the media. "but times change." He said the FBI will no longer take "sanctuary" by responding with "no comment" when agents make mistakes and that "heat is on."

"I have been astonished by the impression some people

have that the FBI is engaged in elaborate clandestine operations infringing on constitutional rights on the citizenry," he said.

"I am dismayed by allegations that cloak and dagger tactics of the FBI threaten to make it a Gestapo — a menace to American freedom. I feel we must convey to the American people the truth about what the FBI does, and by what authority the FBI does it."