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section and laboratory division to formerly in the two offices. Washington, according to sources improve and maintain his home in Hoover, used his bureau's exhibits The late FBI director, J. Edgar

ing working hours by bureau perto building the front steps and sonnel using government material,.. the sources said. landing. They were performed durthe pump in his backyard fish pond Tasks ranged from repairing

previous reports that Hoover, who died in 1972, and other top officials chores. It has been reported, for used employees for personal Their descriptions add detail to

> on a new bottle opener designed by FBI associated director Clyde A. name and that the FBI lab worked that appeared under Hoover's Folson, who died in 1975. hours bureau agents wrote books example, that during working

said that one time he was sent to degree in chemistry, who formerly repair a pump in the fish pond in Hoover's backyard. worked in the laboratory division A scientist with a doctor's

"What do you say? 'Go get it done commercially'?" fixed," the ex-lab official said the old man wanted something "A call would come in saying

> over and fixing Hoover's televiabout to make a stand on running had no tenure, no real job securi-ty," the official said. "No one was neers and craftsmen in the bureau resented the menial tasks. "But we that several of the scientists, engi-Another former official said

the work on Hoover's house was supervised by Leo J. Gauthier, director of the exhibits section, exhibits. which builds trial and promotional According to sources, much of

front landing on Hoover's house," one former FBI official said, "but "Gauthier was known as the carpenter because he built the

> stroyed a patch of grass by urinatsend a man out to put in new sod." of the odd jobs around the house. One time when Hoover's dog deing on it regularly, Gauthier had to he was really responsible for most

ment on his work in the FBI Gauthier said he had no com-

assignment to install a powerful fan ances, the ex-official recalled an bacon in the morning in Hoover's kitchen because Hoover on Hoover's television, radios, washing machine and kitchen applihad complained of the smell of Aside from maintenance work

were not kept of the work. "Helen The source said that records

what was needed," he said. tary) would call down and tell us Gandy (Hoover's personal secre-WOOK T

lab often worked on gifts that Hoover enjoyed giving his friends. The ex-lab official said that the

friends, the former lab official said proudly distributed them to select pens in the United States. Hoover and were among the first ball point agent brought back 100 ball point pens from Argentina as a gift for Hoover. They were called Biro Pens In the early 1940s, he said, an

were getting them back in lab to fix or refill with ink." well," he said, "and for months we "The pens really didn't work at the

dent Johnson. in his own home and gave Presier and closer that Hoover installed lab was an automatic window open-Another gift developed by the

on cold mornings, the official said. complained to Hoover that he Johnson who died in 1973, had window, sources said. President disliked having to close his window Johnson's White House bedroom ed by a button, and patented under Tolson's name, was installed in Mr. The automatic device, activat-

as gifts. never patented, but some of the devices were gold-plated and given Tolson's bottle cap opener was

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