ELLEY DECEIVE ON F.B.I. BREAK-INS

NYTimes Seeks to Find Agents Who Kept the Facts From Him

AUG 9-1976 By JOHN M. CREWDSON ecial to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Aug. Clarence M. Kelley, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said today that he had been deliberately "deceived" by aides who withheld from him knowledge of a number of illegal burglaries carried out by the bureau's agents in recent

Mr. Kelley termed the matter "cause for concern," and said that he was investigating to determine which of his subordinates had played a role in the deception.

"And if I find those who have knowledgeably, knowingly, intentionally deceived me, I will take some action," he said.

The 64-year-old director issued a statement last June 30

Continued on Page 9, Column 1

Continued From Page 1, Col. 1

rescinding his previous assurances that no such burglaries by his agents had occurred since 1966, when the practice was ostensibly halted by his predecessor, the late J. Edgar Hoover.

Hoover.

But Mr. Kelley leveled no criticism at others at that time and implied in a statement that the recent burglaries, in 1972 and 1973 in the New York City area, had come to light only after documents alluding to them had been discovered in the bureau's Manhattan Offices.

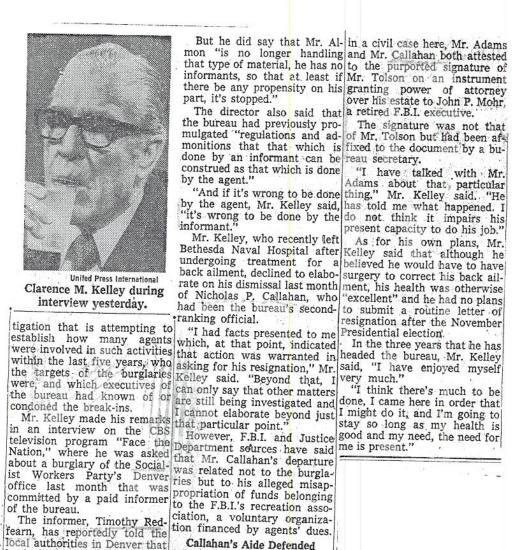
Burglaries Denied

Although Mr. Kelley said to-day that he had "not found out who" had withheld information from him, Justice Department sources have said that he had established the identity of at least one bureau official who knew of the recent burglaries at the time that Mr. Kelley maintained, at a news conference in July 1975, that there had been none.

The Justice Department

The Justice Department sources have said, however, that Mr. Kelley felt himself precluded from taking action against the man, at least for the time being, because of regulations of the Civil Service Commission. Commission.

The New York City burgla-ries have become the subject of a Justice Department inves-



of the bureau.

The informer, Timothy Redfearn, has reportedly told the local authorities in Denver that he had shown to John V. Almon, the F.B.I. agent to whom he reported on the party's activities, the files he stole from the Socalist group on July 7.

Some of the documents taken

Some of the documents taken later turned up in bureau files made public last week, although Mr. Almon has insisted under oath that he had not taken possession of them and had ordered Mr. Redfearn to return them them.

Mr. Kelley noted today that the Denver case, the most recent burglary with which the bu-reau has thus far been asso-ciated, was the subject of criminal investigations and said that he could not comment extensively about it.

ciation, a voluntary organiza-tion financed by agents' dues.