

Gray Talks to Jury About Illegal Burglaries by FBI

Washington

Former acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III appeared before a federal grand jury yesterday to testify about his knowledge of illegal burglaries committed by FBI agents when Gray headed the bureau in 1972 and 1973.

Informed sources said they believed that Gray was asked if he had authorized the use of burglaries against radical political groups or had learned about such break-ins after they were committed.

In August, Gray publicly denied that he had given permission

to use such "black bag jobs" as an intelligence-gathering tool. Earlier, one of his former FBI subordinates had said that Gray approved such tactics.

W. Mark Felt, associate director under Gray, has said that he recalled approving break-ins in 1972 and 1973 and thought that he had acted with Gray's overall knowledge and approval.

These burglaries, known in FBI parlance as surreptitious entries, have been the subject of an investigation by the Department of Justice since last spring.

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