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'Quit Now,' Rep. Boggs Asks FBI Chief

WASHINGTON — (AP) — House Democratic leader Hale Boggs of Louisiana called today for the immediate resignation of J. Edgar Hoover as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"The time has come," Boggs told the House, "for the Attorney General of the United States to ask for the

resignation of J. Edgar Hoover."

He accused the FBI of tapping the phones of members of Congress, of stationing agents on college campuses and of "adopting the tactics of Hitler's Gestapo and the Soviet Union."

Boggs became the highest ranking political figure to call for Hoover's removal, a

suggestion that only a few years ago would have been politically unthinkable.

Also surprising was the tone of Boggs' denunciation of Hoover, coming as it did from a conservative who advocated the tough "law and order" line.

Republican Leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan challenged Boggs to prove

his statements.

"The history of the FBI is a fine one," Ford told the House.

"They may have made mistakes from time to time, they are human.

"But the country is fortunate to have had the FBI over the years and fortunate to have had J. Edgar Hoover as its head many years."