FBI Fed Nixon Data on Hongisto

Washington

The FBI once told the White House that San Francisco Sheriff Richard Hongisto "was supported by and associated with the homosexual community during his recent election."

The information was submitted last September in response to a White House request for criminal justice information to help the president on his campaign trips. The FBI report was divulged yesterday in response to the Senate Judiciary Committee's, hearing on the confirmation of L. Patrick Gray III, who has been nominated as the next FBI director.

The White House request for campaign information from the FBI was subsequently condemned as improper by John Ehrlichman, the President's chief domestic adviser, and Gray.

The FBI reply described Hongisto as "a controversial figure who has ideas on law enforcement and prison re-

form which do not agree with those of other law enforcement officials and/or Bay Area judges." Hongisto was elected sheriff in November 1970

(Hongisto last night called the FBI characterization "inaccurate and biased." He said the report was inaccurate in not mentioning judges and police chiefs who agree with him on many issues.

("It was biased," he said, "because it singled out the gay community and did not point out I was supported by the black community, the student community and many sectors of the white middle-class.")

In another portion of the FBI reply, the increase in the production and sale of pornographic films and literature was attributed to "the favorable climate within California, i.e., the lax attitude of local, state and federal judges as well as recent Supreme Court decisions."

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