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Memo on FBI Channels

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The FBI should not on its own initiative supply the White House with information on criminal investigations in progress, the bureau's top lawyer advised Acting Director L. Patrick Gray last July.

But, FBI general counsel Dwight J. Dalbey said in the same memorandum, "since the President is the top boss of the executive branch he can obtain" FBI information at White House initiative.

FBI information for the White House should first go to the attorney general since he heads the Justice Department, which includes the FBI, Dalbey added.

Dalbey's July memo to Gray's No. 1 assistant, W. Mark Felt, in connection with a White House investigation of the Watergate bugging case, was turned over to the Senate Judiciary Committee and released to newsmen yesterday.

The committee is conducting hearings on confirmation by the Senate of Gray as permanent FBI chief.

The FBI's supplying of information to the White House regarding the Watergate case and the FBI's own investigation of it has been the basis of much of the questioning in the Judiciary Committee.
