

## Levi and Aides Differ on Data Senate Unit Has on F.B.I. Spying

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WASHINGTON, May 29—Attorney General Edward H. Levi said today that "a great deal of information" about the intelligence activities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation had already been provided to the Senate select committee that is examining the bureau's operations as part of an over-all inquiry into the Federal intelligence community.

His assertion was immediately disputed, however, by Senate and Justice Department aides who said that few details of the F.B.I.'s intelligence operations had thus far been provided to committee investigators. They said the department had not even begun to comply with a 20-page letter of request submitted by the committee to Mr. Levi two weeks ago.

A committee official said today that although the 10-day deadline set by the Senate panel for the production of most of The F.B.I. documents and files called for in the letter had passed, a "grace period" of unspecified length would be afforded the Justice Department before any consideration was given to issuing a subpoena for the materials.

### Second News Session

Mr. Levi spoke at the second news conference he has called since he became Attorney General four months ago.

In an opening statement, the Attorney General reiterated that he had no plans to abolish the department's Drug Enforcement Administration which has been criticized almost since its inception over the tactics of some of its agents and for allegedly failing to stem appreciably the flow of narcotics into the United States.

Mr. Levi touched on a possible source of some of the rumors of the agency's impending demise when he noted that there had been "some discussions" within the F.B.I. "as to whether the bureau would some day take over the D.E.A."

Those discussions, he said, were not undertaken "at my direction." But he did not refute related reports that John R. Bartels Jr., the drug agency's administrator, might be asked to resign his post.

"A great deal can be said about D.E.A.," Mr. Levi added. "I'm not completely satisfied with it."

Thus far, requests for so-called "raw," or unevaluated, materials from the F.B.I. have been made by the Senate select committee headed by Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, and by a House Judiciary subcommittee headed by Rep-



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Edward H. Levi discussing the F.B.I. yesterday.

representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California.

Auditors from the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, have been denied permission by Mr. Levi to examine, on behalf of the Edwards subcommittee, random samples of the F.B.I.'s intelligence files, and a Senate committee aide said today that his panel had "gotten something, but not much yet" in response to its requests.

The Attorney General nevertheless said that "the Church committee has asked us for a lot of things" and "we have given them, and are giving them, a great deal of information."

As evidence of his willingness to cooperate with Congress in its investigations, Mr. Levi noted that he had sent, last week, a letter to Mr. Edwards and to Representative Peter W. Rodino Jr., chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, detailing five previously unreported counterintelligence programs conducted by the F.B.I. between 1961 and 1971.

Mr. Levi described as "foolish and outrageous" the newly discovered operations, which included one, code-named Operation Hoodwink, that was intended to turn organized-crime elements against members of the American Communist party.

"They were foolish," he said, "because sending anonymous letters, sending false letters, trying to get organized crime angry at Communists, doesn't work very well."

Some, he said, were an outrage because "there is already enough lack of candor and dishonesty in our society."