

The FBI and Kent State

Washington

Senator Stephen M. Young (Dem-Ohio), said yesterday he is told by "most reliable sources" that 50 FBI operatives are on the Kent State University campus — with "some of them, perhaps all of them," enrolled as summer students.

"I'm told this number will be increased perhaps to 200 at the outset of the September term," the senator said in an interview during which he charged the FBI "is too inflated, too bloated with too many operatives."

In response, FBI Director J Edgar Hoover said "there is no truth whatsoever to Senator Young's assertions."

Young spoke as summer classes began at the Ohio school — the first sessions since May 4 when four students were slain in a clash with the National Guard.

The senator said he has "authoritative information" that in addition to this large number of FBI operatives at Kent, there are others posing as students — approximately 50 FBI agents at the present time — in Columbus (home of Ohio State University) and I guess they also cover Ohio University at Athens."

Asked what he thought would be the reason for that

many operatives at the Ohio campuses, Young replied:

"They're obviously over-staffed and J. Edgar Hoover has a lot of these FBI agents — they've had a campaign on, they've enrolled new operatives in the last six months.

"They're unduly apprehensive. This is just something for them to do."

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