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## Boggs Vows Proof In Wiretap Charge

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Representative Hale Boggs (Dem-La.), said yesterday he will in the near future "make proper use" of detailed information supporting his demand that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover resign or be fired.

In a statement elaborating on his House speech Monday accusing the FBI of wiretapping the telephone of members of Congress, Boggs said "numerous members of Congress, have reported to me their firm conviction that their telephone conversations and activities are the subject of surveillance by the FBI."

He said a recent poll of public figures disclosed that "fully one - quarter reported they have reason to suspect their phones were tapped."

Boggs read his statement over radio and television, but declined to elaborate.

Boggs's original allegation of wiretapping of Congressmen's phones drew prompt denials from the FBI and the attorney general. These denials were backed yesterday by the White House.

In his one - minute House speech Monday, the House Democratic Leader said the FBI was adopting "the tactics of the Soviet Union and Hitler's Gestapo."

Boggs referred yesterday to the 76-year - old Hoover as "a man whose fairness and

patriotism are unquestionable" but whose judgment "may be clouded by age." Boggs added there is a "possibility that the heir to this unchecked power may lack his judgment and fairness."

Boggs said numerous members of Congress have told him in "private conversations and communications" of their conviction that the FBI has them under surveillance.

"The irony, and the danger, of this situation," he said, is that many of these allegations are difficult to substantiate without the services of a first rate investigatory agency such as the FBI."

Boggs said his own telephone was tapped — "There is no doubt about it," he said.

But he refused to elaborate on evidence he said he had of the wiretapping until it is documented by lawyers.

He said he knew only that his telephone had been tapped but what information was being gathered and what it was to be used for. Again, he refused to elaborate.

The official denial that there is any wiretapping, Boggs replied: "I categorically say it's true."

Boggs said politics is not the issue involved. "The issue is whether we're going to protect our constitutional rights," he said. "I believe the fear of phone tapping is as dangerous as the fact, for it can only chill the kind of

free discourse we must have if we are to continue as a free society."

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