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Levi Halts FBI Plan On Data

Attorney General Edward H. Levi said yesterday he has shelved a controversial FBI proposal that the bureau take over computerized switching of messages between state law enforcement agencies.

Levi said the department shares the concern of some critics who fear the communications network could threaten the privacy of criminal justice information.

Levi said he will take no action on the FBI request until Congress enacts legislation regulating the exchange of computerized criminal history information.

He outlined his views in letters to Sen. John V. Tunney (D-Calif.) and Rep. Don Edwards (D-Calif.), chairmen of the Senate and House Subcommittees on constitutional rights.