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**F.B.I. Reportedly Trailed
Columnist on Visit to Paris**

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The Nixon Administration ordered a high-ranking F.B.I. official to follow Joseph Kraft, the syndicated columnist, to Paris in 1969 and to arrange with the French Government to keep him under electronic and physical surveillance during the visit.

Sources with knowledge of the operation said that because of the Administration's "concern" about Mr. Kraft's contacts with representatives of the North Vietnamese Govern-

ment and the Vietcong, J. Edgar Hoover, the late director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, sent one of his top assistants to Paris, where Mr. Kraft and his family were vacationing, in June of 1969.

The assistant, William C. Sullivan, who was then in charge of the Bureau's Domestic Intelligence Division, consulted French security officials, who carried out the surveillance operation.

Mr. Kraft's room in the Hotel Georges V, near the Arc de Triomphe, was bugged by the French security agents, who also tapped his telephone and followed him around-the-clock.

The sources said that the 24-hour surveillance was continued by the F.B.I. after Mr. Kraft returned from France to his home in the Georgetown section of Washington.

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missed White House counsel, told the Senate Watergate committee in June that John J. Caulfield, the former New York City policeman who worked as an investigator for the White House, had told him of a wiretap placed on the Kraft family's telephone in Georgetown, and sources said today that they believed that the tap had been installed while Mr. Kraft was vacationing in France.

Barely a month before, the F.B.I. had begun a program of wiretapping Government officials and newsmen that was described by President Nixon as an effort to halt leaks of classified national security information to the press.

Asked why the F.B.I. had not been used to install the Georgetown tap, one source said he believed that the White House had never made such a request, but another, equally well-informed, said that the White House team had been used after John N. Mitchell, then the

Attorney General, had refused to permit the F.B.I. to become further involved.

Mr. Sullivan, who recently retired from the Justice Department, said by telephone from Massachusetts that he would have "absolutely no comment to make one way or the other" on the matter.

It has never been entirely clear whether Mr. Kraft was included in the national security investigation that Mr. Nixon ordered in May of 1969 in response to a report in The New

York Times describing the then-secret bombing of Cambodia by American aircraft.

But the logs of some of Mr. Kraft's conversations, presumably including those monitored by French security agents, were reportedly found last May with the wiretap records relating to the four newsmen and 13 Government officials who were targets of the White House wiretap effort.

Those records, which had disappeared from the F.B.I.'s files in late 1971, were found

by bureau agents in a White House safe belonging to John D. Ehrlichman a few days after he had resigned as Mr. Nixon's chief adviser for domestic affairs.

One source said that although the instructions to follow Mr. Kraft to Paris came to Mr. Sullivan from Mr. Hoover, he did not know whether the late F.B.I. chief had been ordered by his superiors in the Administration to conduct the surveillance.

The source said, however, that Mr. Hoover had passed on to a superior the results of the intelligence-gathering effort by the French authorities that Mr. Sullivan carried back from Paris. Another source said he believed that the superior in question was Mr. Ehrlichman.

Mr. Kraft said in a telephone interview today that he had learned some months ago of the intelligence effort directed against him. He added that he had been in touch with representatives of the North Viet-

namese Government and the National Liberation Front since 1964, that these relationships were "well known" and that from time to time he had used information provided by them in his column.



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