

FBI Chief Scorns Privacy Fears

LAKE OZARK, Mo., Aug. 5 (UPI)—FBI Director Clarence M. Kelly said today that Americans should be disturbed by the rising U.S. crime rate rather than by concerns about Government invasion of privacy.

Kelly said proposals in Congress designed to limit use of the FBI crime data bank to safeguard personal privacy would seriously hamper law enforcement.

The FBI's storage of arrest records from across the nation in a big computer, he said, has been "maligned" in the debate

on privacy protection by those who picture the computer as a monster prying into citizens lives.

"I would suggest that, to a man looking down the business end of a robber's pistol, the supposed menace posed by the FBI's computerized files would seem remote indeed," Kelly said in a speech for a meeting of the National District Attorneys Association.

Kelly quoted a recent statement of president Francis B. Looney of the International Association of Chiefs of Police that "Much of the proposed

privacy legislation, if passed, would do great harm to the cause of law enforcement."

Looney objected to proposals to purge or seal criminal records within a specified time, saying this would destroy the concept of punishing a second offense more severely than the first.

Kelly said in his speech that it would be gratifying to see more support for modifying rules that now forbid court use of evidence obtained in violation of the Fourth Amendment.

W Post 8-6-74