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WASHINGTON, OCT.25 (AP)-BOTH WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY BILL D.MOYERS AND FBI DIRECTOR J.EDGAR HOOVER LABELED "NOT TRUE AND IRRESPONSIBLE" TODAY PUBLISHED REPORTS THAT FBI AGENTS ABROAD ARE COLLECTING INTELLIGENCE DATA.

HOOVER ISSUED A STATEMENT DENYING PRESIDENT JOHNSON HAD ISSUED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FBI STEP UP ITS ACTIVITY IN LATIN AMERICA.

MOYERS SAID A REPORT PUBLISHED IN NEW YORK CITY "IS NOT TRUE AND IS IRRESPONSIBLE IN MY OPINION BECAUSE IT IS NOT TRUE."

HOOVER SAID IN HIS STATEMENT THE FBI MAINTAINS A NUMBER OF LIAISON POSTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES "FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION WITH THE POLICE FORCES IN THOSE COUNTRIES ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE DOMESTIC LAW ENFORCEMENT DUTIES OF THE BUREAU AND OF THOSE POLICE FORCES."

HE SAID THESE OVERSEAS ASSIGNMENTS WERE A MATTER OF RECORD.

THE FBI DIRECTOR SAID THAT AT THE HEIGHT OF THE DOMINICAN CRISIS LAST MAY, THE PRESIDENT HAD ORDERED THE CLOSEST COOPERATION BETWEEN THE FBI AND THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA) WITH RESPECT TO THAT CRISIS.

"THIS COOPERATION CONTINUES," HOOVER SAID. "OTHERWISE THE PRESIDENT HAS GIVEN NO NEW INSTRUCTIONS WHATEVER TO THE FBI WITH RESPECT TO THE INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION IN LATIN AMERICA."

HOOVER SAID THE FBI HAS LIAISON OFFICES IN MEXICO CITY, RIO DE JANEIRO AND BUENOS AIRES, LONDON, BONN, PARIS, TOKYO AND OTHER IMPORTANT CAPITOLS."

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