

F.B.I. AIDE MOVES INTO A TOP POST

DeLoach, Hoover Assistant,
May Succeed Director

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) — An official of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, who has been suggested as a potential successor to Director J. Edgar Hoover, moved this week into the inner circle of the agency's officialdom.

He is Cartha D. (Deke) DeLoach, 45 years old, a native Georgian and a veteran of 23 years of FBI service.

Mr. DeLoach has been assistant director in charge of the bureau's Crime Records Division since 1959.

Mr. Hoover named him this week to be one of two assistants to the director, making him one of the top four officials in the F.B.I. The other assistant to Mr. Hoover is John P. Mohr, 55. They are outranked in the bureau's chain of command only by Mr. Hoover and Clyde A. Tolson, associate director, 65.

Mr. DeLoach succeeds Alan H. Belmont, who is returning to private life after 29 years in the F.B.I.

Mr. Hoover, who is 70, is apparently in good health and says he has no plans to retire. President Johnson waived the mandatory retirement age of 70 for the F.B.I. chief last year, and Mr. Hoover is now in his 42d year at the helm of the 6,500-man agency.

He has often said that he wants his successor to come from F.B.I. ranks.

As head of the Crime Records Division — which includes press relations among its duties — Mr. DeLoach has been the bureau's chief liaison officer with the White House. He is well known to the President.

He was born in Claxton, Ga., and was graduated from Stetson College in Florida, where he also attended law school.

He was appointed a special agent 23 years ago this month, worked in the bureau's Cleveland office after serving in the Navy in World War II, and became an inspector in headquarters 14 years ago.

He is the father of seven children and has been active for years in the American Legion.