

ARMY HITS F.B.I. ON RIOT INQUIRY

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Washington, Dec. 11 - High Pentagon officials said recently that an unsuccessful attempt was made in the spring of 1969 to have the [FBI] take over from Army investigators the task of looking into the prospects of riots in major American cities.

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Another Defense Department source said, "The Justice Department was unable to get the F.B.I. to be sufficiently responsive."

Apprised of these assertions, a Justice Department spokesman declared:

"As far as the Department of Justice is concerned, there have been no requests by the Army that the F.B.I. assume its investigations of cities where riots might occur. The F.B.I. does conduct such investigations for the Department of Justice."

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