

# Hoover <sup>18 Aug 71</sup> wants his agents to look like Zimbalist

WASHINGTON — When an FBI agent guns down a lawbreaker hereafter, the G-man had better make sure he's properly attired.

Agent Kenneth W. Lovin learned this lesson last month after picking off an armed hijacker with a high-powered rifle at New York's Kennedy International Airport.

A picture of Lovin, crouched with his rifle behind a barricade on the runway, was flashed to newspapers by The Associated

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Press. Unhappily for Lovin, he had removed his jacket for the action.

J. Edgar Hoover, who likes all his agents to be pressed and pomaded, saw the picture of Lovin in shirtsleeves and let out a roar of displeasure.

The unfortunate Lovin was disciplined. The even more unfortunate hijacker, Richard Obergfell, died of bullet wounds.

Earlier, we told how Hoover had censured and transferred another agent, John F. Mullen, whose picture appeared in The Washington Post with sideburns extending almost to the bottom of his ear. Although the sideburns were neat enough, they were too long to suit Hoover.

The 76-year-old FBI chief would like his agents, one and all, to look like Efrem Zimbalist Jr., the star of the FBI TV series.

The old bulldog not only requires agents to dress for crime fighting in tie and jacket, to adopt Efrem Zimbalist hair styles and to keep their sideburns short; he also issues a weight chart which stipulates how many pounds he will allow for various heights.

Footnote: Called for comment at his New York City office, agent Lovin said politely: "I have been instructed by my superiors to make no statement at all regarding the incident." Mullen was reached at his new post in Indianapolis. When he learned who was calling him, he stammered an apology and hung up.

## Washington 'washerwomen'

An attack on the ecology movement which refers to some prominent Washington wives as "washerwomen," headed at public expense by the Commerce Department.

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