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J. Edgar Hoover has been losing some of his top men at the F.B.I. in recent months. The latest to announce he's leaving the bureau is William S. Tavel, the assistant director who is in charge of the files and communications division. Mr. Tavel is retiring because of his wife's failing health. His departure will mark the seventh major personnel change in Mr. Hoover's hierarchy in recent months. The most notable was the reported forced retirement of William C. Sullivan, the assistant director, who had been believed to be Mr. Hoover's heir apparent.