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 WASHINGTON FBI Chief A232 add: election.
 Gray, who has no law enforcement experience, currently is being considered by the Senate to be deputy attorney general. The White House said his nomination for that post will be withdrawn.
 Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Nixon will not nominate a regular FBI chief, to succeed the late J. Edgar Hoover, until after Nov. 7 because "he doesn't want it the choice of a successor considered in the middle of an election year" and perhaps become the subject of "partisan debate."
 Although the post of FBI director pays \$42,500 a year, Ziegler said the 55-year-old Gray will draw but \$38,000 a year—his regular pay as assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's Civil Division.
 The balding, round-faced Gray, who bears some resemblance to Hoover, has been an assistant attorney general since Dec. 18, 1970. Earlier in the Nixon administration, he served as executive assistant to the then Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert Finch.
 Ziegler said Nixon reached outside the ranks of the FBI to choose an acting director because he wanted someone in whom he placed "implicit personal confidence."
 In response to a question, the press secretary said Nixon and Gray have been friends for 10 or 12 years.
 Although Gray technically was appointed by acting Atty. Gen. Richard G. Kleindienst, who released first word of the selection at a White House news briefing, Ziegler said Nixon actually decided on the matter.
 Ziegler was asked whether Nixon would name a regular FBI director after the election should he be defeated.
 "We're not thinking in those terms, quite frankly."
 Pressed further, he said that if Nixon lost the balloting, he would not attempt to fill the FBI post but would leave the selection to his successor.
 Gray gained attention last weekend when he addressed the Orange County Calif. Bar Association and roundly lambasted press coverage of the Nixon administration.
 He said much of the nation's press was guilty of "often inaccurate, biased and grossly unfair reporting."
 A native of St. Louis, he was graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1940 and served in the Navy for 20 years, retiring as a captain.
 Shortly after leaving military service, Gray joined the personal staff of Nixon, who was then vice president, as a special assistant, and remained in the post until 1961. He subsequently practiced law in New London, Conn.
 Ziegler said Nixon knows Gray will perform his new duties "in the way the President wants them performed."
 Asked why Nixon had passed over a number of career FBI men who were close associates of Hoover, Ziegler said the chief executive was not well acquainted with any of them.

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