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The acting director of the FBI said yesterday he would submit his resignation to President Nixon after the November election and would suggest that it be made a standard practice every four years for the director.

"The acting director or director (of the FBI) is an extremely important posi-

tion," L. Patrick Gray III said. "That man should not endeavor to build up an individual constituency."

Gray, in a brief visit to the FBI bureau here, told newsmen that the director should periodically submit his resignation and "let the President decide if he will reappoint him."

Gray was named acting director earlier this year by President Nixon upon the

death of J. Edgar Hoover, who almost single-handedly ruled the FBI since its inception. Hoover had been criticized for his failure to step down because of his age.

The acting director said should he be appointed to the position in a permanent capacity by President Nixon, he would again tender his resignation after the election in 1976. *United Press*
