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## 'Harassment of Sources'

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## Anderson Sues the FBI

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Columnist Jack Anderson and his assistant, Les Whitten, asked a court yesterday to order the FBI to relinquish their telephone records and stop what they described as harassment of their news sources.

They said the FBI has far overstepped constitutional protections of a free press.

Whitten was arrested January 31 by the FBI on charges of possessing docu-

ments taken illegally by Indians occupying the Bureau of Indian Affairs building last November.

The case was dropped February 16 after a grand jury refused to indict.

Two days after the arrest, the Government obtained a subpoena from the grand jury investigating the case to obtain the telephone company's records of every long distance call made to and from Anderson's office for the six months prior to Jan-

uary 19 and for calls to and from his home for six months before January 22.

In testimony Wednesday before a Senate committee hearing his nomination to be FBI chief, acting director L. Patrick Gray III said he didn't know why Anderson's records had been confiscated for such a long period preceding even the BIA invasion. He said that "we only looked at those calls following" the Whitten arrest:

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