

Suspension of FBI Agent Confirmed

Detroit

Attorney General Richard C. Kleindienst confirmed yesterday that a veteran FBI agent, Robert N. Fitzpatrick, has been suspended from duty pending outcome of an internal investigation.

Kleindienst, in the city for a meeting of the Federal Bar Association of which he is president, refused to discuss the reason for the suspension.

"I don't comment on investigations or those who are being investigated," he

told a news conference.

Washington columnist Jack Anderson reported Tuesday that a high-ranking agent of the FBI in Detroit was under investigation. Anderson said the investigation concerned allegations that an agent accepted bribes from mobsters.

Fitzpatrick, a 22-year FBI veteran and former head of the Detroit bureau's organized crime section, has been on paid administrative leave for several weeks pending outcome of the investigation.

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