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'Radical Changes' in The FBI

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FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley has made "radical changes in a masterful way" during the 17 months he has headed the agency, Attorney General William B. Saxbe said yesterday.

"The concept that the FBI was somehow aloof from the Justice Department — and from the government in some instances — is disappearing," he said in an interview.

Saxbe said he was not disturbed by Kelley's statement last month defending the FBI's discontinued countersubversion program, a 15-year effort that Saxbe said included some improper activities.

Kelley "has to bring them (FBI subordinates) along slowly," Saxbe said. "I can say those things because I don't have to live with them on a day - to - day basis. They're a very sensitive and effective and very proud group."

"I've never censored Kelley for toning down my attitude as he relays it to them," he said. "I'll be the son of a bitch as long as I see progress toward a common goal."

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