

# Hoover and Spy Meeting Place

Washington

Former FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover declared the grounds of the capitol "off limits" to FBI agents, prompting Soviet spies to meet there regularly because they were not watched, a former high-ranking FBI official said yesterday.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said Hoover issued the directive in the late 1960s because of fear of criticism from congressmen, who periodically charged Hoover with tapping their telephones or compiling dossiers on their personal lives.

The directive, the former official said, was that any surveillance of criminal or national security suspects was to be cut off when the subjects "headed for the Capitol Hill."

The Soviets quickly learned of this prohibition and scheduled meetings there, he said. The meetings were between Soviet personnel, often attached to the embassy here, and Ameri-

cans who had been cultivated as spies, he said.

"The Soviets would meet in the capitol building, and it would put us at a hell of a disadvantage," the former official said.

He said the meetings took place in parked cars or inside the capitol.

Asked whether the prohibition is still in effect, an FBI spokesman said matters relating to national security investigations are confidential and cannot be discussed.

The former official said that in addition to preventing surveillances of Soviet agents on the Hill, Hoover had a disinclination to carry out requests for domestic surveillances made by the Central Intelligence Agency.

"Hoover would say let the CIA do its own work," he said. "The reason was he hated the CIA. He wanted worldwide operations," the former official said.

Alleged domestic spying operations by the CIA, re-

## Sen. Jackson To Leave Hospital Today

Tacoma, Wash.

Senator Henry M. Jackson (Dem-Wash.) will be released from Madigan Army Medical Center today, a week and a half after undergoing surgery, a hospital spokesman said.

A spokesman said the senator plans to hold a news conference before returning to his home in Everett.

Jackson underwent surgery December 21 for removal of a kidney stone. Part of the affected kidney also was removed.

The senator is expected to make a formal announcement some time next month that he will seek the 1976 Democratic presidential nomination.

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vealed by the New York Times, raised new controversy about the counterintelligence operations of the CIA and the FBI.

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