

## Time's Story of FBI Sex Files

New York.

Time magazine reported yesterday that rumors about the sex lives of former Presidents Kennedy and Nixon were included in files the FBI kept on public officials when the agency was headed by the late J. Edgar Hoover.

The magazine said the reports suggested that former President Kennedy, as well as his brother, the late Senator Robert Kennedy, were having extramarital affairs. In the case of Mr. Nixon, the rumor was that he had a liaison with a Chinese woman in Hong Kong before becoming President.

The material, said Time, "was as sensational as it was spurious," adding Hoover kept the files in his private office and sometimes

regaled high government officials with tidbits of information.

"On occasion, he also leaked damaging information to discredit officeholders whom he considered to be enemies," Time said.

According to Time, duplicates of most of the reports Hoover held in his office were placed in the general FBI files.

When Hoover died, his secretary shredded most of his personal files, but information on more than 250 public officials and others was turned over to Mark W. Felt, then acting associate FBI director.

Felt was succeeded in 1973 by Nicholas P. Callahan, who, Time said, has declined to discuss the files.

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