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FBI Press Aide Quits After Bureau Pressure

Boston

A top FBI press aide says he quit the bureau because of internal pressure against giving the media too much information, it was reported yesterday.

"I guess I provided too much access," the Boston Globe quoted William Ellingsworth, 35, as saying.

He said he quit Monday under pressure from many veteran FBI officials who had worked for the bureau under the reign of J. Edgar Hoover.

"They wanted a public relations program. I wanted a public information program," he said.

"The philosophy of the assistant directors and associate direc-

tors in the bureau, whenever a request for information came in, Was 'will this do the bureau any good?' I always answered 'what difference does that make? It's a legitimate request for information.'"

A spokesman for FBI Director Clarence Kelley said, "Mr. Kelley considers Bill a friend and will have no further comment to make at this time."

Ellingsworth started work Monday at the Fairfax county police department in a Virginia suburb of Washington.

The newspaper said Ellingsworth was reassigned three months ago from bureau headquarters to the FBI training academy at Quantico, Va.

Ellingsworth said he was cut off from access to Kelley, and eventually told by others to look around for a new job.

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Press Aide Frustrated, Quits FBI

Associated Press

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley's top press aide has resigned, saying: "I never got the opportunity to be open."

William D. Ellingsworth, 35, who came to Washington with Kelley after serving as his press aide when Kelley was police chief in Kansas City, Mo., said Monday night that he just didn't fit into the FBI mold.

"I wasn't ready for the FBI and the FBI wasn't ready for me," he said in a telephone interview. "I was nonproductive at the FBI. I just never was able to have the opportunity to develop the rapport I was used to. I couldn't be as forthcoming as I wanted to be."

Ellingsworth, a former reporter for the Kansas City Star, said the final factor in his decision to leave the FBI was assigned to develop a course in police-media relations for the FBI's national academy at Quantico, Va.

"I had no desire to be a teacher and expressed the feeling to no avail," he said.

Asked if he felt he had been forced out of the FBI job, Ellingsworth replied: "Not directly — it wasn't as if anybody held a gun to my head."

Ellingsworth said he began work Monday as director of media relations for the Fairfax County, Va., police department.

His resignation was submitted to Kelley two weeks ago, effective last Friday, he said.

"They wanted a public relations program," he told the Boston Globe in an interview. "I wanted a public information program."

Ellingsworth said there were "natural barriers" in the FBI by which he felt constricted and indicated his access to Kelley had been cut off.

He said he did not know of any plans to replace him at the FBI.

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Photographer Reinstated

MINNEAPOLIS — An Associated Press photographer who was suspended and later dismissed after the FBI identified him as an informant during the 1973 Wounded Knee, S.D., occupation has been reinstated by order of an arbitrator.

Benjamin H. Wolf of the American Arbitration Association ruled Monday that the situation leading to photographer James Mone's dismissal was a "fluke" and that his employer "discarded him instead of defending him."

Wolf ruled that Mone's answering of questions by FBI agents at a South Dakota roadblock did not merit dismissal.