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# FBI Chief Testifies On Dr. King Case

Washington

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said yesterday that those FBI policymakers responsible for the harassment of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. should be "brought to account."

Kelley told the Senate intelligence committee he believes responsibility should be borne by the officials who created the campaign against King and that agents who merely carried out their orders should not be punished.

Witnesses have said the FBI's efforts to discredit the civil rights leader were largeley the result of a personal vendetta by the late director J. Edgar Hoover.

Not all of those responsible for harassing King are dead, Kelley said. He did not make clear to whom he was referring.

Kelley said the bureau has retained the tapes of King's conversations obtained through 16 telephone taps and eight electronic bugs. The FBI has no plans to destroy the tapes, he said.

Committee chairman Frank Church (Dem-Ida.) said he sees no reason for the FBI to retain the King tapes so many years after his murder. But Kelley said they cannot be destroyed while the Justice Department is considering whether or not to reopen the investigation of the King assassination.

Kelley urged the committee to seek a legal congressional charter for the FBI laying out the limits of its jurisdiction. He also proposed creating a congressional oversight committee to monitor the results of FBI investigations and to keep the bureau within agreed-upon guidelines.

Kelley said he believes most of the thousands of abuses documented by the committee's investigation can be understood by the temper of the times and by the need of the FBI to react to curb the violent acts of revolutionary terror that were occurring throughout the country.

"The FBI employees involved in these programs did what they

felt was expected of them by the President, the attorney general, the Congress and the people of the United States," Kelley said.

He said agents acted "in good faith to counter conspiratorial efforts of self-proclaimed revolutionary groups and to neutralize violent activities.

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