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Washington, Nov. 27 (A)* J. Edgar Hoover, who ripped into the Warren Commission and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a news conference with some women reporters, was quoted today as having sworn off press conferences.

Betty Beale, staff writer for the Washington Evening Star, reported that Hoover told her at a party that he enjoyed the Nov. 18 session with the women reporters, "but I think it may be my last."

"I'm going to get writer's cramp from answering all those messages," she quoted him as saying. The FBI chief received 40 telegrams and all but two or three were favorable, she said.

Miss Beale also reported Hoover's explanation for sending flowers to former White House aide Walter Jenkins at the hospital he entered just before news broke that he had been arrested on morals charges. She wrote:

"All he (Hoover) had known, he said, when he told his secretary to send flowers to the President's former top assistant, was that Jenkins had had a serious breakdown and had been pushed to the hospital.

"That was at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, Hoover said. At 9 o'clock that evening, the President asked him to investigate the case of Jenkins. . . to see if there had been any breach of security.

"Hoover said he had known Jenkins for 15 years and had known the Lyndon Johnsons, who lived across the street from him for 18 years, much longer than that....

"The story about the flowers had brought him alot of critical mail, Hoover said, but he didn't pay any attention to it. He has lived so close to crime all his life he knows the weaknesses and hypocrices of men as well as anybody."

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