

Hoover Quoted as Barring Further News Conferences

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27 (AP) —J. Edgar Hoover, who criticized the Warren Commission and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at a news conference with women reporters, was quoted today as having sworn off such conferences.

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

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

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

"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 rushed to the hospital," Miss Beale said.