

Washington, Jan. 14 (AP)— Sen. Bourke B. Hickenlooper, R-Iowa, denounced today the circulation of what he termed "a sort of putrid" anonymous letter attacking the morals of FBI director J. Edgar Hoover.

Hickenlooper told newsmen he intends to make a brief statement about the matter in the Senate Monday to bring into the open attacks he said are being made not only on Hoover but other law enforcement officials.

The Senator said he received the letter, bearing a Baltimore postmark, last week and sent it to Hoover for his information and to find out if there was a pattern of letters.

A reply from Hoover, made public by Hickenlooper, said the letter was one of many anonymous mailings sent to members of Congress and other government officials in the past week.

"They are part of a concerted Communist smear campaign which was launched a year ago," the FBI director wrote.

Hickenlooper said he will not put the anonymous letter into the Congressional Record because of its vulgarity.

"The letter contained what Hickenlooper described as an "obviously forged" copy of a letter over Hoover's signature to former White House aide Walter Jenkins, who resigned in October 1964 after two arrests on morals charges became public knowledge.

Hoover wrote that examination of the letter supposedly signed by him show it to be "a crude forgery" and that comparison of all the letters disclosed they had been prepared by the same person or persons.

"Further comparison with other letters circulated in the past in this and other countries by the Soviet disinformation department proved irrefutably that this was a communist scheme," the FBI director's letter added.

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Hoover said the CIA study also disclosed that a "preferred instrument used by the Soviets in their attacks is the forged document."

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