

## An F.B.I. Man Says Hoover Gave Order For 1962 Bugging

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—A local agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation disclosed yesterday that he placed a listening device in a gambler's office here in 1962 because he had been ordered to by J. Edgar Hoover, director of the F.B.I.

Robert Lee made the disclosure in an affidavit filed in the state court here in a new answer to a \$4.5-million damage suit filed against the bureau, Mr. Lee and other agents by a gambler, Edward Levinson. He alleges that the listening violated Nevada laws and invaded his privacy in his office in the Hotel Fremont.

The affidavit is one of a series of attempts to have the state court dismiss the suit, which was filed Dec. 10, 1965.

Through Justice Department attorneys, the agents allege that they were merely following Mr. Hoover's orders and, therefore, are immune from suit.

However, the answer has yet to be heard by a state judge and earlier court orders directing the agents to give verbal statements to Levinson's attorneys before a trial still stand.