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WASHINGTON AP — J. Edgar Hoover should be replaced as director of the FBI because he's been in the job too long, Sen. Eugene J. McCarthy said Sunday.

McCarthy said "any police agency in a Democracy ought not to be kept under the control largely of one man to a point where it (the agency) develops to a kind of fief, really, which is somewhat beyond criticism and outside judgment."

The Minnesota senator, who is seeking the Democratic presidential nomination as an antiwar candidate, advocated a fixed term of office for the FBI director.

He said he has no specific objections to Hoover but questions the policy of permitting any director to remain so long "where you could have a great concentration of power."

Hoover, 73, has been the FBI's director since it was created in 1924.

McCarthy gave his views on the ABC television-radio program "Issues and Answers."

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