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MIAMI AP - J. Edgar Hoover plans to retire as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation next Jan. 1 on his 75th birthday, according to reports Thursday from a Washington meeting of state attorneys general.

The Miami Herald reported in Friday's early editions that unnamed sources among the visiting state officials said they had been told of Hoover's impending retirement.

However, an FBI spokesman said: "Mr. Hoover has not indicated any plans to retire, and I don't think he has any intention of retiring anytime soon."

The Herald said its sources reported after conversations with Justice Department and White House staffers: "It's my understanding wmr. Hoover will voluntarily step down on Jan. 1 and has said so."

The sources told a Herald Washington correspondent that they got the same understanding from other state and federal law enforcement officials during the three-day meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General.

Hoover has directed the FBI since 1934.

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