

## No. 3 Man Resigns

# Hint That Hoover Won't Leave FBI

### Washington

A significant change in the top command of the FBI yesterday lent weight to the belief that J. Edgar Hoover intends to remain as director indefinitely, although he is 75.

Another indication is that Hoover, according to reliable sources, insists on approving personally every stick of furnishing ordered for the new FBI Building.

The structure will not be ready for occupancy for nearly five years, and Hoover apparently intends to be there at that time.

The change in command involves Cartha D. DeLoach, No. 3 man in the bureau, who has served as acting director whenever Hoover is away. After 28 years with the FBI, DeLoach disclosed, he will retire on July 20 and become a vice president of Pepsico Inc., soft-drink manufacturers.

### SUCCESSOR

Since the No. 2 man in the department, Associate Director Clyde A. Tolson, is 70, DeLoach, 49, has often been mentioned as a possible successor to Hoover.

The fact that he is departing suggests two things to persons close to the FBI. One is that he anticipates no vacancy at the top for an indefinite period. The other is that he had concluded that when the director's post does become vacant, President Nixon will, as a matter of policy, go outside the bureau to find a successor to Hoover.

No less an authority than Attorney General John N. Mitchell believes that the choice of the next FBI director will be, because of the enormous power of the job, the most important Presidential appointment of this country.

### BIG

Whether the President will choose from within the FBI hierarchy or from without is certain to be a big issue.

The supposition is that Hoover favors the former.

Scuttlebutt around the bureau has it that he is none too eager for an outsider to see some of the remarks about people that he is said to have scribbled on various papers in the FBI files. The late Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy is rumored to be the target of some of these commentaries.

Among those sometimes talked about as possible candidates for Hoover's post — when it is vacated — are Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, Associate Justice Byron R. White of the Supreme Court, former Deputy Attorney General Lawrence E. Walsh, Alan H. Belmont, former assistant to Hoover and executive assistant to the director of the (Herbert) Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace at Stanford University; and John E. Ingersoll, director of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

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