

## **INQUIRY ON HOOVER ASKED BY M'GOVERN**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 (UPI)—Senator George S. McGovern asked Sunday for an investigation of J. Edgar Hoover's "persecution" of an agent for writing a letter on the strengths and shortcomings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The South Dakota Democrat said that "Mr. Hoover's action in this matter indicates that he is willing to jeopardize the rights of agents of the F.B.I. as well as effective law enforcement to repress criticism of his administration."

Mr. McGovern, in a letter to Attorney General John N. asked the Senate Administrative Practice Subcommittee, chaired by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, to study the matter.

Mr. McGovern, in a speech prepared for delivery tomorrow, said that John F. Shaw, an F.B.I. agent, was dismissed after writing the letter and that Mr. Hoover, the F.B.I. director, had effectively prevented his finding new employment.

Mr. McGovern said, "The injustice which this man has suffered cannot be tolerated with respect to any citizen in a free society. But even beyond consideration of the personal tragedy, the persecution of Shaw, despite excellent service, involves the integrity of our Government and the effective enforcement of its laws."