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**M'GOVERN CHARGES
HOOVER CONTEMPT**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (UPI) — Senator George S. McGovern, Democrat of South Dakota, said today that J. Edgar Hoover should be held in contempt of Congress for refusing to give information on a former Federal Bureau of Investigation agent and then disclosing details of the case in a Georgia newspaper. Senator McGovern, who has declared his candidacy for the Democratic Presidential nomination, also called the bureau director "a liability to law enforcement" in the United States.

The issue involves John E. Shaw, who recently resigned from the bureau rather than accept disciplinary measures handed down because of his critical comments about Mr. Hoover.

Senator McGovern had asked the Senate Subcommittee on Administrative Practices and Procedures, headed by Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, to look into the matter. But Mr. Hoover wrote both Senators that it would be inappropriate for him to reply since Mr. Shaw is fighting the issue in court.

A letter from Mr. Hoover appeared in the Sunday edition of The Atlanta Journal and Constitution. Replying to an article on the Shaw case, Mr.

Hoover's letter grounded on the case the agent had shown judgment."