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From story on a breakfast meeting of Attorney General John Mitchell and "a small group of reporters":

Asked if he was in close contact these days with J. Edgar Hoover ... who has been under sharp attack, Mr. Mitchell said, "Yes, I am." He went on to predict that Mr. Hoover, who is 76 years old, would want to continue in his job as long as his health was good and as long as he felt he could serve.

Asked who determined whether Mr. Hoover's health was good, Mr. Mitchell said, "The Scripps Clinic, on the West Coast." Then he thought for a second time and added, "The only thing that bothers me when I look at those health reports is who would give him a bad one."