

Hoover's Security Guard Tops Nixon's

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — A security net tighter than that provided President Nixon when he visits the Capitol suddenly was thrown around FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover Friday afternoon, apparently to protect him from newsmen.

The only explanation given shivering reporters who were chased outside the capitol into 40-degree cold was "FBI orders."

The 76-year-old Hoover arrived shortly before 2 p.m.

to testify at a closed-door Senate appropriations subcommittee hearing on the FBI's proposed \$336 million budget for the next fiscal year.

Reporters and photographers were allowed into the committee room briefly before the session started but not allowed to question Hoover.

An hour later, newsmen waiting outside the committee room on the Capitol's first floor to catch the FBI

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director for questions as he left were suddenly ordered to leave.

The edict was later relaxed and newsmen were allowed to stand in a hallway some 20 yards away, although tourists and capitol employes were permitted to pass by the committee room unchallenged.

Not even for Nixon — or for visiting foreign dignitaries such as Britain's Prince Charles or Yugoslavia's President Joseph Tito — have reporters been forbidden access to the Capitol.