

# FBI May Have A Sex Hang-Up

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WITH CRIME running rampant across the country, the FBI has tied up countless agents prying into the private lives of political figures, black leaders, movie stars, football players, newsmen and other prominent Americans.

Indeed, no American who speaks his mind is altogether safe from the all-seeing FBI.

FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, the old curmudgeon of law enforcement, fiercely resisted a White House suggestion that they spare a few hundred agents to crack down on drug abuses. But he can spare agents to snoop into the sex habits, business affairs and political pursuits of individuals who aren't even remotely involved in illegal activity.

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HOOPER'S gumshoes have loaded FBI files with titillating tidbits about such diverse figures as movie actors Marlon Brando and Harry Belafonte, football heroes Joe Namath and Lance Rentzel, ex-boxing champs Joe Louis and Muhammad Ali, black leaders Ralph Abernathy and Roy Innis.

It's no secret that the FBI hounded the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the apostle of racial brotherhood and nonviolent protest. We have seen FBI reports on his political activities and sex life. On one occasion, Hoover had a personal run-in with the black peacemaker.

Now the FBI is watching his widow, Coretta King. As evidence of what the FBI

considers suspicious activity, here's a typical excerpt from her secret file:

"On February 18, 1970, a confidential source advised he had learned that Coretta Scott King, widow of Martin Luther King Jr., contemplated pursuing in the near future a program of voter registration in several southern states."

In Joe Louis's case, the FBI went to pains to report on a mental breakdown, which led to his confinement in a Denver hospital. The former boxing great, who held the world heavyweight title longer than any other man, felt persecuted by imaginary enemies.

In keeping tabs on the pathetic ex-champ, the FBI seemed to be suffering somewhat from the same aberration.

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HOOPER also appears to have a hang-up on sex. His gumshoes go out of their way to find out who's sleeping with whom in Washington and Hollywood.

This raises the question of what business the FBI has poking into the sex habits of a private individual. Apparently, J. Edgar Hoover has assumed federal jurisdiction over sex, although he has ducked jurisdiction over drug offenses.

Ex-President Lyndon Johnson wanted Hoover's help to stop the drug traffic, which has become the chief cause of the alarming crime increase in America, but the cantankerous old FBI chief wasn't interested in fighting drug crimes.