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FBI Accused of 'Sex Snooping'

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WASHINGTON—Columnist Jack Anderson said today that FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover "happily prepared secret memos, loaded with intimate details about the personal affairs of the high and mighty," for then-President Lyndon B. Johnson's "bedtime reading."

Anderson, testifying under oath, told the House government information subcommittee the "sex lives, drinking habits and personal affairs" of prominent Americans have come under FBI scrutiny "although the FBI has no jurisdiction nor justification for this kind of snooping."

"A love affair, no matter how sordid, is no business of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Yet FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover has demon-

strated an intense interest in who is sleeping with whom in Washington," Anderson said at a hearing on governmental secrecy policies.

Seen Reports

Johnson, Anderson said, "was one White House occupant who had a fine appreciation for stories about the extracurricular love lives of public figures." Anderson said he has seen FBI sex reports.

Anderson's appearance today coincided with publication of a column by him quoting excerpts from the purported FBI memos. He offered to make some of the documents available to the subcommittee.

Among those he claimed were subject to such reports were actors Marlon Brando and Harry Belafonte, sports figures such as Joe Namath, Muhammad Ali, Lance Renzel and Joe Louis, and black

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leaders including Ralph Abner and Roy Innis.

Meanwhile, Anderson said, President Nixon "has gone farther than any past president in his determination to keep the lid on the press."

Anderson cited the case of the Pentagon Papers and said Nixon has "tried to discredit the press and thereby reduce its impact by unleashing Spiro Agnew upon us. No vice president assails the nation's press without the advice and consent and, indeed, the direction of the president. The voice was Agnew's but the words were Nixon's."

Anderson urged legislation to end "massive overclassification." A new law should be passed, he added, "which

would automatically declassify all documents after two years. The executive branch should be required to explain and justify any secrets it wished to continue beyond two years, he said.