

question the reliability of the informant. He further pointed out to the Colonel that it was a matter for the Army to decide as to what evaluation they felt should be given to the statements of such informants. indicated that he recognized this fact and
then indicated to
that if the Army had any question concerning the reliability of any particular informants in this case, if he would direct a letter to the Bureau we would endeavor to furnish any additional information regarding our experience with the informant consistent with security. indicated he appreciated this fact but stated that he did not have time to direct fuch a letter to the Bureau since he was engaged in reviewing the matter apparently for the purpose of writing a sumary on the case which "had to be out immediately." He further indicated that his inquiry had been satisfied. $U$

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It is noted that
 Twas investigated by the Bureau at the Army's request but as an applicant for a position with the Quartermaster General of the Far Department. Our file shows that the Regional Loyalty Board of the Fourth Civil Service Region had jurisdiction over the adjudication of the loyalty case pertaining to Meigs since he was an applicant apparently for a classified position. We received a disposition from the Loyalty Review Board under date of April 15, 1949, reflecting that had been "retained" as an economist and educational specialist for the Department of the Army. This disposition, according to subsequent information set forth in file, was based on an adjudication of the case by the Fourth Civil Service Region Loyalty Board. Thus, the Army did not in fact adjudicate the loyalty case pertaining to $\quad U$

ACTION: None. There is attached a copy of a summary of the information developed during the loyalty investigation regarding which was furnished to the Director by memorandum dated February 24; 1950, In connection with the original identification by the Bureau of 68 of the individuals mentioned by Senator McCarthy.

It appears that the only purpose for call is the probability that the Army is concerned over Senator Hecurthy's allegations regarding ard is looking for an "out." It further appears that the Bureau has fully aischarged its responsibilities under the Loyalty Program in this case by proviling reports to the Civil Service Comission in the first instance for further dissemination to the Army and in subsequentiy providing individual copies of the reparts directly to the Army throuth Liaison channels.

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Boulder，Colorado
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Your letter dated march 22，1950，has been received．

With reference to the subject you discuss I thought you might like to read the copy of a state－ mont I made before the Subcommittee of the senate Committee on Foreign Relations on larch 87，1950． This statement contains my views in this regard．
sincerely yours,
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John Edgar Hoover Director

Enclobure Statement before Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations，March 27， 1950.
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Office Memi andum
TO : THE DIRECTOR
FROM

SUBJECT:


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March 23, 1950

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might be used as a political football. I stated, however, that of course if the President, who has the final decision, decides it has to be done then it has to be done. I then discussed with him generally the various aspects of our problem regarding the confidential status of our flees.

Vary truly yours,


John Edgar Hoover Director


FROM
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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

- TO

OFFICIAL INDICATED BELOW BY CHECK MARK


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Note and Return $\qquad$ ()

For Your Recommendation( )
What are the facts? ()

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## Office Men

For record purposes, it should be noted that $I$ attended a conference with you in the office of the Attorney General on the late afternoon of Larch 23. Also present were Hess rs. Peyton Ford and James HeInerney. On that occasion, the Attorney General called attention to the demaniby the Congressional Committee on the President for the production of the files in connection with Senator McCarthy's charges of State Department employees. U

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President since George Washington had refused to produce $\sqrt{\text { Fill e }}$. and had been upheld by the Courts. The Attorney General ind= coated that he thoroughly concurred in your vietos and $\left\langle r\right.$. Peyton $D_{C}$ Ford indicated that he had, as previously advised, pointed out to Senator Tydings and others the position of the Department and the Bureau.

The Attorney General, however, exhibited a note to you which he had received from the President in Florida, which indcoated that the President thought that the position of the Departmont was peculiar and that he, the President, might have to take some other action. The Attorney General indicated that in light of this, he thought that it was necessary to immediately make some definite ruling. Youconcurred and pointed out that time pas


The Attorney General indicate f that one of three positions could be adopted; $1 / . .62$ ( (1) Thépepartment Child make3ine il es available to the Committee, in accordance with their raked. प Ás(2) The Attorney General could, On a confidential basis, in Execution Session, have the Committee call at his office and read your summary memorandum to the Committee, after securing assurance that it would be treated in strict confidence. The memorandum would not be made available to the committee. U
ubmit questions that they were interested in in connection with this matter and the Attorney General could prepare a letter back to the Committee giving the answer to those specific questions.

The Attorney General stated he thought in the light of the President's letter, it would be necessary that he talk to the President and mare some definite recommendation, otherwise he was fearful that the President would be advised by his advisors in Florida to make the files all available. In view of that, the Attorney General indicated that he would be inclined to adopt the second, namely, to read the memorandum to the Committee in Executive Session.

You advised the Attorney General that your position was still the same, that you felt the files should not, under any circumstances be made available, that you would defer to his judgment with reference to Item \#2; that, however, if this was done, a definite position should be tan not be made available at this time and in no circumstances would that position be altered once the memorandum had been read to the Committee.

You suggested the desirability of a statement being issued by the Department advising of the position adopted by the Department and including a statement that the files would not be made available.

The Attorney General indicated that he thought this was a good idea and suggested the desirability of a joint statement.

During the time that you were in the Attorney General's office, the Attorney General received a call from Senator Tidings who informed the Attorney General that he felt that the administration was losing ground in this argument with lycarthy and that a decision should be made by the Department one way or the other immediately; that if the decision was that the files would not be made available, it would be necessary for the committee to request the appearance of the Attorney General and yourself either by subpoena or by letter to appear before the Committee and explain to them why the files could not be made available.

The meeting concluded with the Attorney General indiacoating that he was going to propose to the President the reading of the memorandum, as set forth in Item \#2 above.


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Childs Hased on the basis of Mecarthy's presentation that there is or ever was :Communist Party member in the department. This Is a fact that should not be lost sight of.
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Now this may be good poltics. Gabrielson directs the came kind of attack against Americans for Democratic Action, which has been highly effective spark plug of the Democratic Party. The elections this fall will bu fo some measure a test of the nti-Communist, anti-Socialia ine of the GOP.

BUT there are other considernlons that overshadow the butcome of the next election or even the election after that and after that. The future form of this Government ts conceivably at stake-concepts and tradjtions going back to the founding of our system.
Republican Senators are den manding thet confdential ale qt the executive branch of thi Goverament be opened to Sen. a ive ispection. Even thougl presumably this would be done in executive session, the materia! In these fles would certainly be "lenked." A concept preserved since the time of George Washington would have been destroyed and a dangerous precedent establushed.
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toperly ese to give mublic test ? 4) ony on mattert of public pollcy, the Senate committee should catil on F'BI Director J. Edgar Hoover for his opinion on opening prive IIES.
There can be liftle doubt what that opinion would be. The issue arose to the frist trial of pudith Copion. Miss Coplon's torneys persuaded the judge that the FBI file should be dpened.
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AT THE Grst Coplpg terint will be retalled, the Department of Justice went so far as to suggest that if it came down to making the fles public in relation to vital evidence in the? case, the evidence might be yithheld. That is a measure of bow seriously the FBI took thit) action.

It may be, of course, that the Republicans do not really want the confidential filea opened. They may want to have their rrequest refused so they can say What the refusual cloakg the gullt of lodividuals, who have not been successfully tagged as "pro-Communist" by random accusations.
But if the request is grunted, those who have forced the decttion should at least have a clear undersfanding of its immediatf and practical consequences. Thi man who can make that unmig takably clear in FBI Directo Hoover.
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March 26, 1960

Hon. 8. Edger Hoover, Director.
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Kt. Hoover:
From January 1938 to Jnnamy 1987 I eorvod an Assistant Prose-
 1948 I served an Prosecuting Attorney of this County. on Pobrvary 9,1945 I took office as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and on now nerving $\mathrm{m}_{\mathrm{y}}$ second term of ix years. I was born in this city in 2891 and have resided here all my life, so that I an personally acquainted with lot of people.

While. I was serving in the Prosecuting Attorneys office I mas Interviewed mary times by agents of your department and also agents of the Treasury Department and the office of United States Post office Inspector.
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I an ware the haprionn people have complete confidence in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I an very much disturbed about the result of a disclosure of the contents of your confidential files, and at - rosperialble oitison I fool certain that you will resist and poifitivis refuse to lay your file n open for the inspection of any member of Congress.: Whether he be of the House of Representatives or the senate. I mow from experience that your Department has persisted in preserving the ocafidenow of those who have been interviewed from tat to time. On the other hand, If it should be determined that your files are available for inepeotion, I can forme much diffloulty in investigations by your agents for the apparent reason that citizens will be hesitant to tell when they realize the danger that at sone the or other their names or their reports may be made public.



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COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
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Hon. J. Edgar Hoover, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:
From January 1933 to January 1937 I served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in this County, and in January 1937 and up to February 9, 1943 I served as Prosecuting Attorney of this County. On February 9, 1943 I took office as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas; and am now serving my second term of six years. I was born in this city in 1891 and have resided here all my life, so that I am personally acquainted with a lot of people.

While I was serving in the Prosecuting Attorney's office I was interviewed many times by agents of your department and also agents of the Treasury Department and the office of United States Postoffice Inspector. Du:ing the course of these interviews I was questioned about certain people who were under investigation, and I answered those questions truthfully and gave the interrogator such information as I had, some of which would be supported by legal avidence and some of which was based upon what we know in law as hearsay evidence.

According to the newspaper accounts of investigations now being conducted by the Senate and House Committee, demands have been made for a disclosure of the contents of the files in your department and even a production of your files.

I am sure the American people have complete confidence

|lin the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and I am very much disturbed about the result of a disclosure of the contents of your confidential files, and as a responsible citizen I feel certain that you will resist and positively refuse to lay your files open for the inspection of any member of Congress, whether he be of the House of Representsdives or the Senate. I know from experience that your Department has persisted in preserving the confidence of those who have been interviewed f. om time to time. On the other hand, if it should be determined that your files are available for inspection, f on force much difficulty in investigations by your agents for the at an or reason that citizens will be hesitant to talk when they realize the danger that at some time or other their names or their reports may be made public.

I am motivated to write this letter to fou this morning after numerous discussions with members of the Bar and other citizens

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who come into my office, and I feel certain that you will concur in these ideas.
 STATEMENT OF J.' EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, BEFORE $3 U B C O M M I T I E E$ OF TH S SENATE COMMIT EE OH FOREIGS RELATSONS, 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, MARCH 27 ; 1950


In the 26 years during which $I$ have been privileged to nerve as Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I have always maintained the view that if we were to fully discharge the serious responsibilities imposed upon us, the confidential character of our files must be inviolate.

A cardinal principle of success for any agency having a responsibility for investigations is its ability to secure information. To do that, it must be able to maintain confidences. Any person furnishing information must have the security of knowing that when he furnishes information on a confidential basis, he will not at a later date find that confidence broken. When that occurs, the ability of the investigative agency to discharge its responsibilities in the future is materially lessened.

The public record clearly proves that the FBI because it does maintain confidences has been able to develop valuable sources of information which have a direct bearing on the internal security of the nation. I need refer only to the gevemment witnesses who testified in the trial of the eleven Commutat InDEXED -
leaders in New York last sumer. Seven of the fe Witnesses risked the if fives as undercover employees of the FBI.


The question of opening the file e of the pigingelves a grave matter 31 tia of principle. In taking the position that the files of phat mould remain inviolate, I would not, of course, presume to discuss, lies other than those of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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particulaciy in security cases, they contain not only background date on the Individual but details of his private life which bear upon the investigation. In these files also are the identitiea of our confidential sources of information and full detaila of investigativo techniques. In short, they consiat of a running account of all that transpires.

A file is maintained in each case beceues the fibl hee recoivan information, allegations, or a complaint which if proven comes within the sphere of our responsibility, in pursuance of either Congresaional or Executive Directive日. After the investigation ia completed, when indicated by Department procedure or judgment, a summary of the facte developed is furnished to the Department of Juetice or United States Attorneys. In other types of investigations, the reporta of Special Agenta are submitted to the interested agency of the govermment. Detaile and information dealing with administrative operationa and confidential sources of information remain in our files. The contents of these piles were never intended to be disclosed and, mless we drastically change and circumscribe our procedures, they ahould not be diaclosed.

The question of alruiging contents of the files of egenciea of government is not a new one. When confronted with the question of divulging the files of an Executive Department of the Government in 1909, the late President Theodore Roosevelt said:
"Some of these facts......were given to the Covermment under the seal of secrecy and cannot be dirulged and I will see to it that the word of this Government to the individual is kept sacred."

The afsclosure of the contenta of the files of the FBI would reveal confidential procefures and techniques. If spread upon the record, criminale, foreign agnate, subversives, and others would be forewaned and would seek methode to carry out their activities by avoidine detection and thus defeat the vory furpocs for which the FBI was created. Each exception underminee this principla, eetsbliahes a precedent, and would inevitably result in a complete collapeo of a troditional policy which has proten its goundnese.

A diaclosure of FBI reporte would reval the identity of confidential enurcea of information ond, if it did not place the lives of auch persong in actual jenpardy, it would certainly ruin thair future value and effectiveness.

The aisclseure of FBI reports would make otherwige patriotic citizens reluctant to furnish information. Alrendy, as a result of some unfortumate disclosurca of our filos in court procosdinge, our Special Agenta frequently are befng told by persing from whom thoy seek information that they will decline to be interviewod for fear the information will be misused by aome agency other than the FBI.

In the conduct of official investigations, information of a hiehly reatricted nature having a direct bosring upon national securlty often finde 1ta way finto the files which, if disclosed, would be of considerabio value to a foreign fower. Increasingly, we have obsorved efforts of a fureign power to seek intimpte personal detatlu cuncerning many of our leaders in Government and indugtry Thuy whould noe be alded by havine these detaile made public for their use and advantaze, theriby cripriing the importint work of the FBI.

So far, I have dirctod my rumarke againat a diecledure of FBI files on socurity pocuds. There are other compelling roasone why the files of the FBI should remain inviolete. For the want of a more apt compariaon, our filea can be compared to the notea of $n$ nowapaper reportor before he has culled the
printable material from the mprintable. The files do not coneiet of proven information alone. The files mut be viewed as whole. One report may allege crimes of a moat deapicable type, and the truth or falsity of these chargea may not emerge until several reports are stidied, further inveetigation made and the wheat separated from the cheff.

I, for one, wuid want no part of an inveatigative organization wioh had the power of diecretion to decide what information would be reported and what would be omitted. An item of information which appeare unimportant today may provide the golution of a case when considered with information received at a later date, or it may later establish the innocence of the accused.

Should a given file be diaclosed, the daeue would be a far broader one than concerns the subject of the investigation. Names of persons who by force of circumatance entered into the inveetigation might well be innocent of any wrong. To publicize their mames whthout the explanation of their agsociations Wuid be a grave injuaiice. Even tinough tiney were given an apporiunity to iater give their explanation, the fact remains that truth seldom, if ever, catches up with charges. I would not vant to be a party to any action which would "smear" innocent individuels for the rest of their lives. We cennot disregerd the fundamental principles of comm decency and the application of basic American righte of fair piay.

The FBI has the obligation, whin the ecope of Federal law, not only to protect the righte, Ifves, and property of our citizens, but also to protect the confidential relationship of the citizen when he patriotically aerve日 hia Government by providing information eseential to our security.


FBI reports set forth all details secured from a witness. If those details were disclosed, they could become subject to misinterpretation, they could bo quoted out of context, or they could be used to thwart truth, distort half truths, and misrepresent facts. The raw material, the allegations, the details of associations and compilation of information in FBI files must be considered as a whole. They are of value to an investigator in the discharge of his duty. These files were never intended to be used in any other manner and the public interest would not be served by the disclosure of the jr contents.

In taking this stand, $I$ want to reiterate - a principle is involved. I would take this same stand before the Attorney General, as I already have, or before any other body. The fact that I have great respect, confidence, and a desire to be of assistance to a committee of distinguished Senators, however, in no way detracts from a principle. I say this because I do not want any misinterpretation of my rewarke, nor do $I$ want it aid that this and other committees of Congress do not have mp reapect and confidence. I would be derelict to my duty, untrue to my conscience, and unworthy of my trust to take any other position.

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Your letter dated March 27, 1950, has been received and $I$ do want to thant you for your kind comments.
I appreciate also your letting me have your views on the subject you mention, and it occurred to me that you might like to read the enclosed copy of my abatement before the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on March 27, 1950.
John Edgar Hoover Director
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Sincerely yours,
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John Edgar Hoover Director


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Mr. Edgar Hoover
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Dear Sir, $\qquad$

I have been following Sea.McCarthy's Communist accusations to our State Department people. I have my own deductions of all this. It mat not interest you but as a loyal faithful citizen of this good old U.S.A I feel it my privelage to write what $I$ think.

Hurrah for you not allowing your files to be interviewed by the commies a thing they are after.

Here is what I believe. No one loyal
American citizen is going to stir up such accusations unless they are well plane: obversive schemes laid by others to him to put across. No man would defy all America for such accusations as he has made unless he feels losing faith with his country people is done for an organzation that has made him feel he will forever be a hero doing for his cause if it means ostracization, annlliation or even death if he carries on for the cause. This is my idea of Sen. McCarthy. I believe he is the head of communsts here in U.S.A. Who better to put on this,
exposee than the head man himself? Who would be suspected? The head himself. RECORDED - 32

Where would the communistsifry to over
throw our govennment but in the most mpportiant to us and the World?. Our state department. It is destroying the other part ( (mA) of the World in their faith to U.S.A. If they have communists in their very core they must be sympathisers, will be their undermine our very government workings and our relations with other counttes.

We better demand Sen. Mc Carthy's arrest and nip it in the middle of his dirty work, anyway a thorough investigation of all his moves would be a fine act and do it swiftly. I would like to see his expression when he would be accused of being the communies head man. Wy hobby is to read expressions. He should give enough away when confronted with his being the head man. I bet you would hear loud wild retorts along that line. That would be your answer. For a truly good U.S.A person would of course deny but not rave and rant. Why would he be having others investigated if he were one? There you have my : theory. No one would expect the head man to be the accuser.

Why is he pulling all these people home to accuse them? To stall for time and get their dirty work in where these men were going. To defame them and the U.S.A. To underground.

Some years ago $I$ rursed at a home in an apartment building in Pittsburgh. The people on the third floor were commies. I found that out by facial study. I saw truck loads of :books going out from the home . A large book about bby IO inches and about Two and a half thick. A white book with large red letters. "When Russia rules the world." This was fust before the second World war.

They have been planing long before the Kaiser or Hitler ever thought of so doing. The devil is very clever. He moves slyly and smoothly. Better if the other side did sdin their good way. We better awake before it is too late. Read your Bible on the fubule of the world after : the flood. It is all recorded there. It behoves us to read and learn. At this time
facef with condicions there-in stated. Our sible can be our guide to save us only we must awake and use it. The solution is all in the Holy pages.

The communies are laughing up there sleeves how asleep we are. How they are putting it over on us. The flying disks are no mith to me. They are real. They are what I have been suspecting. Russia is a few jumps ahead of us. They are her work. She paned and used her means for it while we gave her wár supplies so she could save hers for us later. Of course at the time this could not be seen. It grieved me to see us as her allies.

The flying planes are a Russian devise very cleveriy made up. They have something in those planes so when they are seen,as they can see our planes, they explode and throw a mist between them and a plane to make their get away.

They are not from other planets. The mist between the other planets will stay there until God does His wonderous works of taking it away so we can go there and they here. I 3 belleve we are not necessary to :. or they to us only when the World is destroyed for wickedness as it once was by water,this time by fire. Those saved will go to one of the unhabitated planets. No those flying saucers are only a new type of plane the Russians are using to freighten us into thinking they are supernatural and will destroy us. There damge is not greater than any other plane re used during the war. No sir they do not want war. They want to tare us apart in our middie and by Sen. M cCarthy they are makcing a good start.

Let's stop him Kr. Hoover. You are the core man of this great nation so put yourself forth todstop their speed.. our Deodle lose faith within them-

I would be in for it here in Buffalo if my name were mentioned I wrote this as they tell me Buffalo is lousy with Commies. I was told to be careful what. I said and who I said anything to concerning Commies.

I am from Pittsburgh Peana. I assure you there are, in Pitts. plenty. There I am not liked by them. My two daughters nearly got into one of their organizations as a Youth movement for young fmericans. Luckily I was told in time to investigate and I learned what they were. I exploded to one of their members and was told to keep my mouth shut or it would be shut for me. This was fifteen years ago. Some start they have on us poor unsuspecting people.

Let's get busy and catch them in their own traps laid for us. Let's not talk so much but work. Sometimes I feel our press is a little tolopen with our affairs.

Well-- Mr. Hoover I got off my chestit what I feel is my duty to say. Take it or leave it but my hope is take it. Do something about it and above all stick like the soldier you are to your guns and do not open your files to the head communist as he wants. This is his way of getting us exposed $t x$ into their hands.

This is long I know and hope I have not taken too much of your time if you ever get to read this.

I am one American who thanks God for all my grandparents who had the foresight to come to the best country in the world the good old United States of fmerica. They were thankful so am $I$ even more than they as they could not see the awful futhre ahead which has been my time to live.

Mr. Hoover can't you urge people to go to the
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A man like you will have more effect on a world hock yp than any one or many ministers. The rabble would say they are fanatics. You, they will belleve because you are dear in every loyal American's heart today and are looked up to greatly. Won't you try. ? This is the only way we can win over the communies. Be on God's side and have Hill with us.

Thanks you Mr. Hoover. Don't let us down,
Yours is a great work done and to be done.

P.S. I fm sending Mr. Barkley and Mr. Truman a like letter.

## WHICH IS IT, SENATORS?,

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Burear of Investigation, has told a Senate foreign relations subcommittee that turning over to the subcommittee State Department "loyalty files" demanded by Sen. McCarthy of Wisconsin would bring about "complete collapse" of the FBI system of obtaining confidential information. Mr. Hoover added that "a foreign power" (and he obviously meant Russia) has been seekin: "intimate personal details concerning many of our leaders in government and industry."
"They should not be aided by having these catails made public for their use and advantage, thereby crippling the important work of the FBI," he said. (o frank fo ic)

But Sen. McCarthy keeps up his hue and cry and he has been joined by Sen. Bridges of New Hampshire This leads any logical observer to one of two conclusions-either (1) the two sentors wont take Mr. Hoover's solemn word, despite the country's confidence in the FBI chief, or (2) they are willing to "cripple" the FBI and bring about "complete collapse" of its system, in order to get a little more ammunition for their smear-Acheson campaign.

Well, which is the answer, Senators? Speak up!

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$$ make our tripartite system of government work.

Cooperation, however, is but one facet of the key to the solution of our problem. If our tripartite system is to work, each branch must elso carefully avoid encroaching upon the prerogetives of the other.

This is such a basic principle that it was recognized as early as the administration of our first President. On February 22 last, the very day on which the Senate agreed to the Resolution under which this Committee is proceeding, the Farewell Address of President Washington was read in the Senate chamber. I call your attention to one paragraph of that Address, which appears on page 2158 of the Congressional Record of February 22 , and which to me aptly states the principles by which we must be governed. Preaident Washington atated:

It is important likewise, thet the habite of thinking in a free country should inspire caution in those intrusted with its administration, to confine themselves within their respective constitutional spheres, avoiding in the exercise of the powers of one department, to encruech upon another. The spirit of encroachwent tends to consolidate the powers of all the cepartments in one, and thus to create, whatever the form of government, a real despotism. * * * * If, in the opinion of the people, the distribution or modification of the conatitutional powers be in any particular wrong, let it be corrected by an amerdment in the way which the constitution designates.-- But let there be no change by usurpation; for though this, in one instance, may be the instrument of good, it is the customery weapon by which free governments are destroyed. The precedent must always greatly overbalance in permanent evil any partial or transient benefit which the use can at any time field.

President Washington was speaking from personal experience with the very problem we now have before us--namely, a request by a congressional Comittee for the production of documents which in the opinion of the Executive branch must be held confidential in the public intereat. The problem, you see, is as old as the Government itself.

In March of 2792, the Eouse of Representatives adopted a resclution establishing a Comaltee to inquire into the causes of the failure of the expedition under Major General St. Clair, and empowering that Committee to call for such papers and records as might be necessary to assist the com-
mittee in its inquiries. The House based its right to investigate on its control over the cxpenditure of public money. When the committee asked the President for the papers relating to the campaign, President Washington called a meeting of his Cabinet. Present were Thomas Jefferson, Secretery of State, Alexander Hamilton, Secretary of the Treasury, Henry Knox, Secretary of War, and Edmond Rendolph, the Attorney General. The President stated that he had called his Cabinet together because this was the first demand on the Executive for papers within his control and he desired that in so far as the action taken would constitute a precedent, it should be rightly conducted. President Washington readily admitted that he had no doubt of the propriety of what the House was doing, but he did conceive that there might be papers of so secret a nature that they ought not be given up. The President and his Cabinet came to an unanimous conclusion as follows:

> First, that the House was an inquest, and therefore might institute incuirdss. Second, that it might call for papers generally. Third, that the Executive ought to communicate such papers as the public good would permit, and cuc to refuse those, the disclosure of which would injure the public.

The precedent there aet by President Washington and his Cabinet was followod in 1796 when he refused to comply with a resolution of the House of Representatives which requested him to lay before the House a copy of the instructions to the United States Minister who negotiated a treaty with Great Britain, together with the correspondence and documents relating to that treaty. In declining to comply, President Washington stated: "As it Is essential to the due admiristration of the Government that the boundaries fixed by the Constitution between the various departments should be preserved, a just regard to the Constitution and to the duty of my office * * * forbids a compliance with your request."

It was because of such experiences that President Washington felt called upon to refer, in his Farewell Address, to the importance of maintaining the independence of our separate branches of government. Later, President Jefferson refused to allow two members of his cabinet to supply documents at the trial of Aaron Burr. In 1825 President Monroe declined to comply with a request of the House of Representatives to transmit to the House certain documents relating to the conduct of naval officers. In 1833 President Jackson refused to comply with a Benate request that he communicate to it a copy of a paper purporting to have been read by him to the heads of the executive departments relating to the removal of the deposits of public money from the Bank of the United States. In 1886 President Cleveland supported his Attorney General's refusal to comply with a Senate resolution calling for documents and papers relating to the removal of a District Attorney. Similarly, in 1843, a resolution of the House of Representativez called upon the Secretary of War to communcate to the House the reports made to the War Department by Lt. Col. Hitchcock relative to the affairs of the Cherokee Indians, together with all information communicated by him concerning the frauds which he had been charged to investigate. The Secretary of War advised the House thet he could not communicate information which Col: Hitcheock had obtained in confidence; because it would be grossly unjust to the persons who had given the information. The House, however, claimed the right to demand from the Executive and heada of departments such information as may be in their possession relating to subjects of deliberations of the House. President Tyler, in a message
dated January 31, 2843, eaid in part:
And although information comes through a proper channel to ar executive of ificer, it may often be of a charecter to forbid its being made public. The officer charged with a confidential inquiry, and who reports its result under the pledge of confidence which his appointment implies, ought not to be exposed individually to the resentment of those whose conduct may be impugned by the information he collecte. The knowledge that such is to be the consequence will inevitably prevent the performences of duties of that character, and thus the Government will be deprived of an important means of investigating the conduct of its aeents.

President Tyler also declined to comply with a resclution of the
House of Representetives which called upon him and the heads of departments to furnish information regarding such members of the 26 th end 27 th congresses as had appifed for office in the executive branch. In so refusing,

Preaident Thler stated:
Applications for office are in their very nature confidential, and if the recsons assigned for such applications or the names of the applicants were commun. icated, not cnly would such implied confidence be wantonly violated, but, in adidion, it is quite obvious that a mass of vague, incoherent, and personal matter would be made public at a vast consumption of time, money, and trouble without accomplishirg or tending in ayy manner to accomplish, as it appears to me, any useful object connected with a sound and constitutional edministration of the Government in any of its branches.

In my Judgent a compliance with the resolution which has been tranamitted to me would be a aurrender of duties and powers which the Constitution has conferred exclusively on the Executive, and therefore such complience can not be made by me nor by the heads of Depertments by my airection.

These are only a few of the precedents to be found in the constitutional history of our Government; many more could be referred to.

- Although I have mentioned cnly a few of the precedents, I might add that almost every President has found it necessary at some time during his ndministration to decline, for reasons of public policy, to furnish conf1dential papers tc congressional committees. The courts hove recognized this constitutional prerogative of the Chief Executive and the great constitutionn schclers uniformly egree that it is for the President to determine what pepers and information in the Executive branch must be retained in confidence in the public interest. William Howard Taft, following his term as President and pricr to his appofntment os Chief Justice, summer1zed the situation succinctly and accurately when he wrote in his book,


## The Chief Magistrate:

The President is required by the Constitution from time to time to give to Congress information on the state of the Union, and to recommend for its considarstion such measures as he shall judge necessryy and expedient, but this does not enmble Coneress or either House of Congress to elicit from him confidentiol information which he hes acquired for the purpose of enobling him to discharge his constitutional duties, if he does not deem the disclosure of such infermation prudent or in the public interest.

It is against this bnckgrcund that we must consider Fresident Trumen's directive of March 13, 1948, concerning the confidential nature of loyelty files. Ageinst this same background we must consider this Comittee's request for the production of such files.

In his directive, the President stated:
The efficient and just edministration of the Employee Loyolty Frogram, under Executive Order No. 9835 of March 21, 1947, requires that reperts, reecrds,
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and files relative to the program be preserved in strict confidence. This is necessary in the interest of our notional security and welfare, to preserve the confidential character and scurces of information furnished, and to protect Government personnel against the dissemination of unfounded or disproved allegations. It is necessary also in order to insure the frir and just disposition of loyolty cases.

For those reasons, and in accordnnce with the longestablished.policy that reports rendered by the Federal Burenu of Investigation and other investigative agencies of the execulive branch are to be regarded as confidential, all reports, records, and files relative to the loyalty of employees or prospective employves (including reports of such investigetive agencies), shell be meintained in confidence, and shall not be transmitted or disclosed except es required in the efficient conduct of business.

At the time of issuing this directive, the President specifically referred to some of the precedents that I have mentioned this aftermoon and called particular attention to the scund reasons of public policy requiring the mintenance of the confidential status of loyalty files. The President referred to an opinion rendered by Attorney General

Jackson at a time when, at the direction of Fresident Roosevelt, he declined to furnish certain reports of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to the House Comittee on Noval Affeirs, as follows:

Disclosure of the repurts could not do otherwise than sericusiy prejudice low enforcoment. Counsel for ع. defund nt or prespective dufendint, could hove no greater help then to know how much or how little information the Goverment h-s, ent what witnesses or sources of informetion it can rely upon. This is exnetly what these reports are intended to contoin.

Disclosure of the reports at this particular time would ris. prejudice the netional defense nad be of cid and comfort to the very subversive elements ogainst which you wish to protect the country. For this reason we hove mide extrecrdinnry effurts to sue thet the results of counterespicnage nctivities and intelligence ectivities of this Depertment involving those elements ere keft within the fewest possible hanis. A cetalogue of persons under investicetion or suspicion, and what we know ebout ther, wuld be of inestimeblu sorvice to foreign ngencies; wal invormation which could be so used connst be too closely gunrded.

Morecver, disclosure $f$ the reports would be of serious prejudice to the future usefulness of the Federal Burenu of Investigation. As you probably know, much of this informetion is given in confidence and can only be obtained upon pledge nct to disclose its sources. A disclosure of the scurces would emberrass inforinents--sometimes in their employment, sometimes in their ecial relations, and in extreme croses might even endnger their lives. We regard the keeping of iaith with confidentinl informants as nn indispensable condition of future efficiency.

Disclusure of informetion contrined in the reports right alss bu the grossest tind of injustice to inncert individuals. Investigetive reprets include lends and suspicions, and sumetimes even the statements of malicious or risinfrmed people. Even though leter and more complete reports ex nerate the individuels, the use of perticular or sejected repirts might cunstitute the erossest injustice, and we cll know thet e correction never cetches up with an nceusation.

With respect to files which this Committee hos requested, their disclosure would, it scems $t$ : ne, seriously impair the effectiveness of the Enployee

Lcyalty Program. It would subject the persons in question to a type of double jeopardy which is contrery to sound concepts of god government, fairness, and justice. It would also make it extremely difficult, if not impossible, for the Federal Bureau of Investigation to perform its investigative dutics. The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducts all investigations under the Employee Loyelty Program. Loyalty files, therefore, ere for all practical purposes F.B.I. riles. Mr. Hocver is here to give you his view, which he has held for many years, of the damaging effect that would be censed by the disclosure of such files. I know of no one better qualified to speak on this subject. I am in thorough sccord with his views in this regard.

It is opinion--for the reasons steted--that loyalty and investigetive files should be preserved in strict cunfidence.

4 aril 4, 1950

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,


Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:
To the many voices congratulating you on your stand in the McCarthy affair, it is a pleasure to add my fem words. I an so relieved to know that you nave stuck to your guns under heavy pressure that I cannot refrain from some expression, although I an not a prolific letter writer.

It has been my feeling, and the feeling of every 4 , one I have discussed this matter with, that Meciarthy's unbridled license has already caused sufficient damage. To open your files to such as he would add immeasurably to the anger and dissension already built up. Congratulations, and power to your arm.


Larch 27th, 1950


