FBI director reverses stand

Kelley admits info, tips kept on congressmen

WASHINGTON (AP) - FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley acknowledged Tuesday that the agency maintains some information on congressmen, including unsubstantiated tips, but denied the information is ever misused against them.

Chairman Don Edwards, D-Calif., of the House Civil Rights subcommittee, said, however, that Kelley testified before his subcommittee a year ago, and "the existance of personal or political files in members of Congress was completely denied.

Edwards announced he has invited Kelley and Atty. Gen. William B. Saxbe to full-scale public hear-

We will ask them to lay out the full and complete story of these acsued by Kelley again used the word information rather than files to describe what he said is sometimes

kept on congressmen.
The FBI director said he wants to testify before the House subcommittee "to dispute the fallacious statements about the FBI's misuse of information concerning members of Congress.

"The policy of the FBI is that in-

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Congress is collected when members are the subjects or victims of an investigation or a specific background check is requested concerning the suitability for nomination to a position in the executive or judiciary branches," Kelley said.

Kelley said "unsolicited information is received from time to time making allegations concerning members of Congress as well as

other individuals in public and pri-vate life" and said this also is filed. If the allegation does not warrant

FBI investigation, Kelley said, the tipster is told so and the tipster's letter and the FBI reply are "filed for record purposes.

But Kelley said the information "is never used to influence the judgment or actions of any member

sistant FBI director, Cartha D. De-Loach, said one example of a jobapplicant file on a congressman was that on former President Richard M. Nixon when he tried years ago to become an FBI agent.

Nixon was accepted but didn't take the job, DeLoach said. He said Nixon's record "must have been absolutely clean because he was ac-

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Dr. Kilho Park is currently aboard the "Islas Orcadas" in the area of the Drake Passage and Scotia Sea. Two other ships with Dr. Worth Nowlin and other TAMU scientists aboard will join Park Feb. 9 for the rest of the three-month cruise, along with teams from Columbia, Oregon State, and the University of Washington.

The TAMU teams, due back at the end of March, are participants in the International Southern Ocean Studies (ISOS) which is a long-term study of the oceans around Antarctica. Nowlin and Park are involved in the chemical and physical oceanography of the Circumpolar Current that circles the Antarctic.

"As we move closer to an understanding of the global environment, the important role of the polar regions on the atmosphere and ocean becomes more apparent," Nowlin

"A major goal of these studies is to establish the response of this current to the large-scale movement of surface winds," he explained. "This experiment is scheduled for 1978. In preparation for this activity, a series of experiments to monitor movement of ocean waters through Drake Passage is planned for 1975-76-77.

ISOS is a program prepared by U. oceanographers in response to a larger plan developed by the National Academy of Sciences. Ultimate practical goals for the 10-year study includes concern for man's impact on the climate. This concern has been increased, according to the academy, by the growing capacity to use global resources - a capacity that within decades may begin to approximate the natural forces that influence the atmosphere and the

These alterations to the atmosphere are assuming a place of prominence in worldwide concern over the environment, scientists con-

Another goal is to understand the processes that control the biological productivity which is high in the Southern Ocean. The large amounts of summer plankton growth resulting from the long days of sunlight are a source of food for small fish to whales. The monitoring of this will be necessary if man is to harvest efficiently but not exhaust the renewable resources of this rich reg-

Also understanding of the physical environment of the Antarctic could eventually lead to development of the region. With improved local weather, ice and sea condition predictions, a rational development of the resources of the continent and its ocean can be planned.

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