

A New View of the Watergate Investigations

Author Ed Gray discusses his father's experiences of the controversy from the top of the FBI
Nixon Library April 9 at 7:00 p.m.

March 18, Yorba Linda, CA—When President Nixon appointed L. Patrick Gray III as head of the FBI, Gray knew that following the footsteps of J. Edgar Hoover—his immediate (and only) predecessor—would be a challenge. But Gray quickly found himself in a deep mess, the result of the FBI's investigation into the June 1972 break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Watergate office complex in Washington, D.C.

Gray lays out his story in his posthumously published memoirs, co-written with his son, Ed Gray. Ed Gray will discuss his father's view of the Watergate controversy and its aftermath at a free public lecture on April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum. "Part of the Nixon Library's mission is to encourage a free spirit of inquiry into all aspects of the Nixon administration, including the Watergate abuses of government power," Library director Tim Naftali said.

According to publisher Times Books:

This book is Gray's firsthand account of what really happened during his crucial year as acting director of the FBI, based on a never-before-published first-person account and previously secret documents. He reveals the witches' brew of intrigue and perfidy that permeated Washington, and he tells the unknown story of his complex relationship with his top deputy, Mark Felt, raising disturbing questions about the methods and motives of the man purported to be Deep Throat.

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