

Probe of Hoover's File Loss Blocked

Washington

Representative Paul McCloskey (Rep-Calif.) yesterday blocked a move by Representative Bella Abzug (Dem-N.Y.) to ask the Justice Department to investigate the destruction of the personal files of the late FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

McCloskey's action caused a heated exchange with Abzug, whose government operations subcommittee had prepared a report calling on the Justice Department to take over the panel's investigation of the files.

"I'm not ready to make a

judgment on the serious matter contained in this report without studying it," McCloskey said. "I've had no time to do that."

Abzug accused McCloskey of "refusing" to read the report which she said was delivered to his office last Friday, but she could not persuade him to withdraw his objection to issuing the report.

With only two subcommittee members present, McCloskey's objection killed the report the subcommittee drafted after a one-day hearing last December and months of followup staff work.

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