Secrecy Study Chief Quits, Scoring Role of U.S. Agency

WASHINGTON, May 30 Reuters)—The Director of a Government-wide study of information policies and official secrecy resigned today, contending that the Justice Department was reneging on a promise to allow him full independence.

Jerry Clark said in a letter of resignation to Attorney General William B. Saxbe that he could not continue as head of the freedom of information study without clear sign of high-level support for the freedom he had been promised when he took the assignment in February.

In an interview, Mr. Clark said that after he began his studies the Justice Department began making overtures that indicated to him it wanted to have a considerable say in the final report that is to be published in June, 1975.