

Jury Probe Of Mistake Drug Raid

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Myles J. Ambrose, chief of federal drug law enforcement, said yesterday that a federal grand jury investigation had been ordered into an incident last week in which narcotics agents had mistakenly raided two private homes in Collinsville, Ill.

"It would appear to be stupidity," Ambrose said of the raids. "they clearly were not following instructions."

Ambrose, a special assistant attorney general who heads the Justice Department's office for drug abuse law enforcement, said the four Federal agents involved had been suspended with pay until the investigation is completed.

He also recommended that ten local police officers and one agent from the Illinois Bureau of Criminal Investigation be relieved of further drug enforcement duties while the inquiry is under way.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Askew said an agent armed with a shotgun kicked in their back door the night of April 23 and others stormed into their home. Askews have filed a \$100,000 damage suit against the Federal Government.

An attorney for Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Giglotto said Monday he was drawing up papers for a similar suit. Giglotto said about 15 armed men dressed as hippies and shouting profanity broke into his apartment, pulled him and his wife from their bed and ransacked their home. He said one raider held a cocked gun at his head and threatened to kill him.

The Askew raid will be brought to the attention of the Madison county grand jury Thursday, authorities said. Giglotto sent a telegram to President Nixon asking him to investigate the raids personally in the interests of "justice and the rights of private citizens."

Ambrose said the agents had denied many of the allegations of abusive behavior. He said they would stay on the payroll "until we find more evidence of their mal-
evolence."

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