

State Asked to Probe Dossiers

Sacramento

The California Senate should conduct an investigation to see if law enforcement agencies keep files on state legislators and political groups, a Los Angeles Senator said yesterday.

But the head of the intelligence unit of the State Department of Justice denied having any files on current state legislators or ever keeping files on political dissident groups.

Senator David Roberti said a special select Senate committee would investigate the leaking of such dossiers to private detectives, to attorneys and to such corporations as Standard Oil of California.

"I think the whole business of dossier-keeping is more extensive than we think," the Democratic lawmaker told a Capitol news conference.

Roberti said that dossiers have been leaked about Ed and Joyce Koupal, founders of People's Lobby. Mrs. Koupal was present at the news conference.

People's Lobby has filed a lawsuit against Standard Oil charging invasion of privacy by a detective agency that allegedly obtained the dossier after the company hired it to investigate the group.

"I am not making any charges," Roberti said several times of the file keeping.

When questioned, Roberti did say that the leaks might not be from the Criminal Investigation and Information unit of the State Department of Justice, since law enforcement agencies from all over the state can ask for files kept by the unit.

Roberti said he will ask the Senate Rules Committee Wednesday to establish a special investigating committee to look into the dos-

sier activities of the CII, Los Angeles Police Department and other agencies.

Charles Casey, head of the CII, said in an interview that charges of widespread compilation of dossiers are not true.

"That's not true . . . Our files are criminal files. If legislators are involved in criminal activities, we have a file," he said.

Casey, who is Governor Edmund Brown Jr.'s brother-in-law, said his unit may have some files on former legislators.

"To the best of my knowledge we don't have any current legislators in our files," he said.

He has said in press interviews that dossiers are kept on some state politicians in connection with investigations of organized crime.

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