

Narcotics Chief Is Quitting

Washington

Myles J. Ambrose, the top federal narcotics law enforcement officer, plans to leave government service.

"My resignation is before the president," Ambrose said yesterday in a telephone interview.

Ambrose is a special assistant attorney general and director of the Office for Drug Abuse Law Enforcement, and a special consultant to the President.

He declined to give the reason for the resignation.

"My letter clearly states why I'm leaving," he said.

Ambrose asked that the information not be made public because "it has nothing to do with Watergate." He said he feared that it might be tied to Watergate in the public mind. He said he also feared the information might jeopardize creation of the proposed Drug Enforcement Administration, which would consoli-

date all federal narcotic efforts.

The proposed superagency will be put to a vote today by the House Government Operations Committee. The committee had a tie vote, 18 to 18, when the proposal was voted upon last Friday.

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