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Norris sees Watergate

The alleged refusal of federal authorities here to investigate links between Atty. Gen. Evelle Younger and the GeoTek scandal yesterday was described as "reminiscent of the Justice Department's early so-called investigation of Watergate."

That was the charge by William Norris, Democratic candidate for Younger's office, in a telegram to James Browning Jr., U.S. attorney for Northern California.

"The record of the GeoTek case shows a consistent and continuing refusal of federal authorities to investigate Evelle Younger's role in the GeoTek oil promotion reminiscent of the Justice Department's early so-called investigation of Watergate," Norris claimed.

Norris' latest blast against Younger came a day after Browning denied a report in The Examiner and Associated Press that he was starting a new investigation of Younger's involvement in the \$30 million scandal.

"I simply said that I would look into the matter," Browning, a Republican,

said in a letter to The Examiner. "It is doubtful that any further investigation will be conducted.

"I frankly feel there is an attempt being made to utilize this office for political purposes."

Norris, trailing Younger in the polls, charged that Browning is using his office to whitewash Younger. He claimed Browning had an assistant send a copy of his letter to The Examiner and Associated Press to Younger in time for the Republican incumbent to use it on a radio interview show Friday afternoon.

No copy of Browning's letter was sent to Norris, he said.

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