

'Watergate' Assailed by GOP Senator

By Duffy Jennings

Senator William E. Brock of Tennessee, chairman of Young Voters for the President, said here yesterday there is "just no excuse" for the Watergate bugging incident.

"I think the people involved should be prosecuted," he said. "There is no excuse for it. It's just dumb politics," the 42-year-old Republican told 200 students at the University of San Francisco.

Brock, serving his first term in the Senate after eight years in the House of Representatives, addressed the students in an outdoor plaza for only five minutes before inviting questions from the young audience.

In his brief talk, he labeled the seniority system in Congress as "intolerable" and "incapable of self-reform," and said reports on various legislators' voting records made public last weekend by Ralph Nader were "significant."

The Watergate incident was the subject of the first question asked him by a youthful male student, who demanded to know why full details of the FBI investigation into the affair had not been made public.

Brock said the incident

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Acting FBI director Patrick Gray denied a report yesterday that he had cautioned President Nixon that his agents had established "more serious direct links" to the White House in the Watergate bugging case.

But Gray added that he understood Mr. Nixon had ordered a new investigation.

"That is false," Gray said of the report broadcast Monday night by a network newsman who said Mr. Nixon decided to reopen the investigation after Gray told him there were more White House links than the President knew about.

Gray, here to visit the local FBI field office, said he

had not seen the published reports or heard the broadcast.

He said he has had nothing to do with the President's internal investigation but has been involved only in the continuing investigation of the actual bugging.

The network newsman said he had learned that Mr. Nixon had ordered John Dean, a White House assistant, to reopen his investigation of possible White House staff involvement in bugging and sabotage of the Democratic campaign.

Gray said he understood the President had given Dean such instructions but said "I have not had a thing to do with that."

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was "destructive to the system" and "goes against the grain of good politics," but said it would be unfair for the FBI to "try the case in the press before it is tried in court."

"I know probably as much about it as you do," he said. "I wish every bit of it was out in the open."

Another student asked Brock why President Nixon has refused to meet Senator McGovern in a public debate.

"I think it's very dangerous for a president to debate," Brock said, "because every time he opens his mouth he's stating national policy. I'm all for debates, but not where an incumbent is involved."

Brock criticized McGovern for reversing his position on various issues and warned against the effects of McGovern's proposed economic and defense programs.