

Burton to Attack CIA Loophole

Representative John Burton announced here yesterday that he will co-sponsor legislation at this congressional session to eliminate a key empowering paragraph from the charter of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The move by the San Francisco Democrat and several of his Democratic colleagues in the House follows reports of a massive surveillance campaign con-

ducted by the CIA against American citizens.

The paragraph under attack empowers the CIA "to perform such other functions and duties related to intelligence affecting the national security as the National Security Council may from time to time direct."

Through this loophole, Burton told a press conference at his offices in the Federal Building, domestic spying and interference in foreign affairs could be defended.

Burton said the charter section gave the "color of legality" to such CIA operations as the Bay of Pigs invasion in Cuba and the overthrow of the Allende regime in Chile.

It could "conceivably" cloak the reported domestic CIA operation against the anti-war movement and other dissident groups in the United States in the late 1960s and early 1970s, he said.
