

FBI to Yield 10 Dossiers

Washington

The FBI has agreed to provide Deputy Attorney General Laurence H. Silberman with all the material the agency has compiled on at least ten members of Congress, a Justice Department spokesman said yesterday.

Silberman "asked the FBI to turn over all material on the congressmen mentioned" in a Washington Post report describing the FBI practice of maintaining files on members of Congress, said Robert Havel, the department's public information director.

The Post quoted an unidentified source as saying he had seen personal information gathered by the FBI about senators Mike Mansfield (Dem-Mont.), Lowell P. Weicker (Rep-Conn.), Abraham A. Rubicoff (Dem-Conn.), George McGovern (Dem-S.D.), Edward M. Kennedy (Dem-Mass.) and Adlai E. Stevenson III (Dem-Ill.), and Representatives Carl Albert (Dem-Okla.), Wilbur D. Mills (Dem-Ark.) and the late Hale Boggs (Dem-La.).

John P. Mohr, a retired FBI official who was a top

assistant to the late J. Edgar Hoover, also confirmed the existence of files on members of Congress.

But he said, "in 99 per cent of the cases that we got derogatory information about a congressman, we told him about it."

If the congressman denied the allegation, a record of the denial would be placed in a file along with the allegation, Mohr said.

He defended the practice and said he doesn't understand why congressmen are upset by it.

"What are they afraid of?" Mohr asked. "What the hell separates them from the rest of the American people?"

Meanwhile, House Speaker Albert told a news confer-

ence that the report on the FBI's congressional files, "if true, is very unfortunate for the country and the FBI."

Albert said he had received a letter from Hoover, the former FBI director, denying that the agency had investigated him. He said the letter did not apply to other congressmen.

The Justice Department spokesman said Silberman has agreed to testify January 30 before a House judiciary subcommittee investigating the practice.

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley refused to see reporters who sought to question him about the matter. But agency officials said the FBI plans to issue a statement today responding to the report.

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