

L.A. Grand Jury Probe Of Ellsberg Burglary

Los Angeles

The Los Angeles county grand jury will conduct its own investigation of the burglary of the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, District Attorney Joseph P. Busch Jr. said yesterday.

Hearings on the burglary will begin June 5 and run through June 8, Busch said. If the panel returns any indictments there could be local prosecution of the suspects.

Among the legal problems confronting any local probe of the affair are possible future promises of immunity

by federal authorities, preemption of charges by the government, or uncooperative witnesses.

Busch indicated that if an indictment resulted the charge would be second degree burglary which carries a maximum penalty of one to 14 years in prison.

The 1971 burglary was conducted under the direction of White House aides E. Howard Hunt and G. Gordon Liddy in an effort to prepare a psychiatric profile of Ellsberg, according to testimony made public at the Pentagon papers trial.

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