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Assassination of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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(INTELLIGENCE)
 (BY DANIEL S. GILGORD)
 WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SEN. DANIEL INOUÉ, D-HAWAII, CHAIRMAN OF THE NEWLY FORMED SENATE PERMANENT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, SAID TODAY HE MAY TAKE UP TO SIX MONTHS BEFORE HIS PANEL WILL BEGIN TO PROPEL THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY.

INOUÉ HELD THE FIRST CLOSED MEETING OF THE 15-MEMBER COMMITTEE WHICH WILL TAKE OVER CIA'S PREVIOUS ROLE -- AND WHICH EXPANDED POWERS -- THE OVERSIGHT AND INVESTIGATIVE FUNCTIONS OF AN EARLIER PANEL WHICH GAVE OUT OF BUSINESS Sunday. It is to be a joint effort of DEMOCRATIC AND REPUBLICAN LEADERS LIST WITH APPOINTED THE NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS AFTER ITS CHARTER WAS APPROVED BY THE FULL SENATE. SEN. JOHN TOWER, R-OHIO, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE OLD COMMITTEE, SAID WEDNESDAY THE CUBANING PANEL WOULD TURN OVER MATERIAL IT HAS COLLECTED CONCERNING WHAT THE FBI, CIA AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE AGENCIES MAY HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF 1963 KENNEDY MURDER IN DALLAS.

INOUÉ WAS ASKED BY REPORTERS WHEN THE COMMITTEE WOULD MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER TO DECLASSIFY THE KENNEDY ASSASSINATION. **NOT RECORDED**
 POINT WHERE THE 1974 SENATE COMMISSION LEFT OFF.

"OFFICIALLY, WE HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THE REPORT" -- 46 JUN 8 1976 -- COMMITTEE, INOUÉ SAID, STRESSING THAT HIS PANEL IS NOT STARTING TO GET ORGANIZED. "WHEN WE RECEIVE THE REPORT, WE WILL..."

HE ESTIMATED IT MAY TAKE UP TO "ABOUT SIX MONTHS" TO WORK OUT A RECOMMENDATION ON THE KENNEDY REPORT, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE MADE PUBLIC IN ABOUT TWO WEEKS.

"OUR PRIORITY FUNCTION AT THIS JUNCTURE IS TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES FOR THE AGENCIES," INOUÉ SAID. "TODAY WE SUBMITTED FOR STUDY BY THE COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE. WE DECIDED, AS PART OF THE PROCEDURE, TO RETAIN 20 SEAT MEMBERS" FROM THE OLD COMMITTEE.

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