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SENATE UNIT CHECKS ON ROSELLI SLAYING

WASHINGTON, Aug. 25 (UPI)—The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence Activities is investigating on its own the murder of John Roselli, a reputed Mafia leader, seeking a link with Central Intelligence Agency plots to kill Prime Minister Fidel Castro of Cuba and possible Cuban counterplots against President Kennedy.

Senator Gary Hart, Democrat of Colorado, reported to the committee in a bugproof room yesterday on a mission to Miami, where he consulted with the Dade County Public Safety Department on what it had learned, or suspected, about Mr. Roselli's murder.

The body of the 71-year-old gangster was found two weeks ago stuffed in a chain-weighted, 55-gallon oil drum floating in a bay near Miami.

Mr. Roselli's name kept emerging in reports of reputed C.I.A. plots to kill Mr. Castro, and, again, in connection with reported Castro schemes to "get even" by killing President Kennedy once the Cuban leader learned of the C.I.A. "contracts" on his life.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation would not enter the Roselli murder case at first, saying that the police felt it was a "typical gangland slaying". But under increasing criticism, Attorney General Edward H. Levi announced two weeks ago that the bureau would enter the case.