More Disclosures by Senate Panel

FBI Got Tax Files Illegally From IRS

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Internal Revenue Service has opened files on taxpayers because of their political beliefs and given the FBI illegal access to tax returns, according to the latest report by the Senate intelligence committee staff.

Meanwhile the Senate made plans to begin debate today on a compromise measure that would set up a 17-member committee to monitor intelligence agencies.

The compromise was worked out by Senate leaders on Monday in an effort to head off an anticipated floor fight between proponents of a new committee and chairmen of existing panels. Intelligence committee vice-chairman John Tower, one of the principal opponents of creating any new monitoring committee, conceded yesterday that the compromise measure would pass the Senate.

In another development, the intelligence committee scheduled a meeting for tomorrow to discuss its probe of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

Sens. Richard Schweiker, R-Pa., and Gary Hart, D-Colo., members of a subcommittee which has been investigating the Nov. 22, 1963, killing, both have said they favor further congressional investigation focusing on Lee Harvey Oswald's connections with both pro and anti-Cuban factions.

"We're fairly close to some significant material which might well be clarified if we had another six months," Schweiker said in a recent interview. Hart recently told Colorado reporters that he expected a majority of the intelligence committee to support a further investigation, especially "those who have read our report and believe like we do that we can't walk away from it."

The intelligence committee's staff report said that the IRS gave the FBI "free access to tax information for improper purposes," while the CIA regularly bypassed official channels in obtaining tax data. Both agencies pressured IRS to take action against "certain taxpayers for reasons having no bearing upon compliance with the tax laws," the report added.