

Panel to probe CIA link to JFK death

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WASHINGTON—The Senate Committee on Intelligence Operations is planning an inquiry into persistent but never proven allegations of Central Intelligence Agency involvement in the assassination of President Kennedy.

According to informed sources, members of the committee's staff believe they cannot ignore the issue even if the prospect of setting it appears remote.

"I think it's fair to say they're sniffing around on

that right now," one source said. "But there's no formal investigation yet and I don't know if there will be."

Plans so far apparently call only for a preliminary inquiry. Under the committee's rules, a full investigation cannot be initiated without majority approval from the 11-member panel.

"We might just end up exonerating them (the CIA) on this one," another source said, "but that's all right. That's our business, too."

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Agency is needed to oversee CIA, profs tell panel

charges of illegal domestic spying by the CIA.

Arthur R. Miller, a Harvard law professor, said the CIA could set up its own board to monitor its activities.

"Perhaps there could be six security-cleared citizens

and six agents (of the CIA) to create a balance between individual values and government needs," he said.

But William W. Van Alstyne, a Duke University law professor, said he did not believe such a board would be "publicly reassuring."

The fourth witness, Dr. Orville J. Brim Jr., president of the Foundation for Child Development in New York City, said he also supported an independent body.

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WASHINGTON — A panel of four professors gave the Rockefeller commission conflicting testimony Monday over the best way to prevent the Central Intelligence Agency from invading the privacy of Americans.

All four agreed that an agency should be created to oversee the CIA in an effort to monitor its spy activities. Some said the monitoring could be conducted inside the CIA, while others argued for an independent board.

The four appeared at the 12th weekly meeting of the commission, which was created to investigate