

CIA prober says Nixon may get call

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WASHINGTON — Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, chairman of a committee investigating the Central Intelligence Agency, said Monday he would not hesitate to summon former President Nixon to testify.

Church said the Senate committee has not yet defined the key points of its inquiry.

"It's such a large mandate we're going to have to narrow down on certain focal points," he said. "If one of those relates to subject matter that would require former President Nixon as a witness, I would have no hesitation in recommending to the committee that he be called."

Church said the committee has already established that there have been violations of the law by the CIA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He said he would like to obtain all information gathered by the presidential commission conducting a separate inquiry into spying activities.

"There has been abuse; how widespread it's been we haven't yet had a chance to determine," Church said.

"But clearly there have been violations of the law, not only respecting the CIA but the FBI as well."

Church said he and Vice Chairman John Tower, R-Tex., would ask Vice President Nelson Rockefeller to supply "all of the evidence, the testimony, the transcripts, everything that has been accumulated by his commission, so that we may have the benefit of all of that in connection with our own investigation."

Church said the committee does not yet have evidence that the CIA planned or carried out any political assassinations, or that it was involved in the killing of President Kennedy. But he said, "we'll be looking into that question."