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# Call it murder, says church of CIA plots

WASHINGTON (AP) — The chairman of the Senate intelligence committee says he resents the CIA's use of terms like "elimination with extreme prejudice" and "executive action" to describe murder plots against foreign leaders.

"Everyone understands 'murder,'" Sen. Frank Church (D-Ida.) said Wednesday after asserting that his committee has "hard evidence" of CIA involvement in assassination plots.

"I prefer the plain-spoken language. These other words are intended to obfuscate what is, in fact, going on," Church said after a closed-door session with CIA Director William E. Colby.

CHURCH said his 10-member panel will concentrate on the issue of assassination before moving on to other areas of its investigation of the CIA, FBI and other U.S. intelligence agencies.

"I believe it is most important that the other work of the committee be set aside until this matter is put to rest," he said.

Church promised a full dis-

closure of evidence regarding CIA involvement in assassination plots but declined to say whether that would include public hearings. He said he has hard evidence that such plots were developed by the CIA.

THE INTELLIGENCE panel appears to be concentrating its investigation on an alleged 1961 CIA plot involving underworld figures Sam Giancana and John Roselli in plans to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

In releasing a list of committee witnesses, Church revealed the names of several persons who have figured in published accounts of the Giancana-Roselli plot.

Church made a point of noting that the committee has evidence of more than one murder plot, but he refused to give any indication of how many plots were involved, whether any other foreign leaders besides Castro had been the target, or whether any assassinations had been attempted.

HOWEVER, Church did deny reports that the committee also is planning a probe

of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The committee's inquiry into the Kennedy assassination will only seek to determine whether agencies such as the CIA and FBI made a full disclosure of information to the Warren Commission. He said the committee is "not attempting to second guess the Warren Commission," which concluded that Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone in killing Kennedy.

CHURCH disagreed with Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller over their respective impressions of CIA wrongdoing.

Rockefeller earlier this week said the presidential panel which he heads had found instances of illegal activity by the CIA but that "in comparison to the total effort they are not major."

Church said Wednesday, "I regard (evidence of CIA involvement in murder plots) as a very serious matter."

Rockefeller later said that Church had misinterpreted his earlier statement, but Church refused to retract his criticism.