

# Ford Wants Senate to Check Out Alleged CIA Role in Death Plots

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WASHINGTON — (AP) — President Ford wants a Senate committee rather than the Rockefeller Commission to investigate allegations of CIA involvement in plots to assassinate foreign leaders, his chief spokesman said today.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen acknowledged that such an inquiry would be outside the mandate of the Ford-empowered commission headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller, which is investigating allegations of domestic spying by the CIA.

Nessen's comments to newsmen came in the face of published reports that two former aides to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy say Kennedy told them he blocked a CIA plan to use the Mafia to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Meanwhile, in the Senate, Foreign Relations Committee members recommended confirmation of Nathaniel Davis to be assistant secretary of state for African affairs and Harry W. Shlaudeman to be ambassador to Venezuela, despite opposition based on their involvement in covert CIA

activities in Chile. Referring to the Senate committee headed by Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, Nessen said "It certainly would

be appropriate for the Church investigation" to look into alleged CIA involvement in foreign assassination plots.

Later, responding to another question, Nessen said Ford "anticipates the Church investigation will get into some of these areas."