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FBI Says It Won't Investigate Murder of Mafioso Roselli

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FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said yesterday the FBI has no jurisdiction to investigate the murder of John Roselli, the underworld figure who testified he made several attempts to assassinate Cuban Premier Fidel Castro for the CIA.

"There is no jurisdiction, at least that we know of," Kelley said in a news conference.

Sen. Howard H. Baker Jr. (R-Tenn.) said Monday he would ask Kelley and CIA Director George Bush to investigate the slaying. Baker is a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

Roselli's body was found last Saturday stuffed in a chain-weighted, 55-gallon drum that was floating in a bay

near Miami. He had been missing since July 28, when he left his sister's home to play golf. Authorities in Miami, who are investigating, said he died of asphyxiation.

Baker also suggested that the intelligence committee look into a possible connection between Roselli's death and that of Sam Giancana, the Chicago crime figure who was shot to death in his home in June, 1975.

Roselli appeared before the committee shortly after Giancana was murdered and testified he and Giancana had been recruited by the CIA to kill Castro. He said he made several trips to Cuba in the early 1960s and had tried unsuccessfully to kill the Cuban leader with poison, high-powered rifles and explosives.