

Goldwater Urges an End To Intelligence Probes

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Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) told the Senate yesterday that the House and Senate investigations of the CIA and other intelligence agencies should be ended. Chairman Frank Church (D-Idaho) and three Republican members of the Senate group sharply disagreed.

Later, at a press conference, Church released an Oct. 30 letter from FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley stating that the FBI "has no information indicating that Soviet KGB officers have infiltrated any congressional staffs." The KGB is the Soviet secret police.

Church released the letter in rebuttal to an Oct. 1 statement by Goldwater, who is a member of the Church

committee, that the government has information that the Soviets have infiltrated at least 7 to 9 Senate committee or personal staffs.

Church also released an Oct. 31 letter from President Ford asking the Senate committee to withhold public release of its just-completed report on alleged assassination plots by U.S. agents against foreign leaders.

The President said, "It is my opinion that public disclosure now of information I provided to the Senate . . . committee concerning allegations of political assassination activities of the U.S. government will result in serious harm to the national interest and may endanger individuals."

However, Church said he has written to the President that the committee has voted to make the report public after first submitting it to a closed session of the Senate. Church said information that might endanger individuals had been, in effect, disguised or deleted.

"I can attest to the fact that we are turning up no new material that would assist anyone in drafting legislation for a more ethical intelligence operation," Goldwater said earlier.

Church, disagreeing, said, "No, the committee has to finish its work. I hope to complete active investigation and public hearings sometime in December."

Church's view was backed by three other committee members, Sens. Howard H. Baker, Jr. (R-Tenn.), Charles

McC. Mathias Jr. (R-Md.) and Richard S. Schweiker (R-Pa.) in interviews.

Once you get on that tiger you need to ride it out," said Baker. Mathias said it would be "a travesty if we stop" without further work, especially whatever is needed to write good legislation. Schweiker said, "We have a lot to do yet and the firing of (CIA Director William) Colby will set us back two to three months."

Church said he spied a White House "pattern of obstruction" in efforts to stop the committee investigation of the National Security Agency, in the Colby firing and in the President's 11th hour attempt to suppress the assassination report.