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Coverup on Kennedys

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Senator Barry M. Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) charged yesterday that some members of a senate investigating committee are trying to divorce John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy from assassination plots against Cuba's Fidel Castro.

Goldwater, a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said in a statement that efforts to protect the Kennedy name may result in a "political tug of war" when the report is written on Central Intelligence Agency operations.

"Specifically, it appears that efforts are being made to divorce President Kennedy and his brother, former attorney general Robert F. Kennedy, from the assassination attempts made on Fidel Castro in the 1960s," Goldwater said.

"I'm very much afraid that this may lead to a contest in the committee between those who want to make sure nobody blames President Kennedy and those who want to tell the truth."

Goldwater's statement prompted Committee Chairman Frank Church to disagree sharply.

"I'm just at a loss to know what the senator means," Church said.

Church said he believes the final report will bear out his previous statement that the CIA at times acted on its own authority and was effectively out of control from above.

"All this committee is interested in is telling the truth and we're doing our best to do it," Church said.

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