

# Goldwater Predicts Kennedy 'Whitewash' in Castro Probe

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Washington — Sen. Barry Goldwater says the Senate committee investigating the Central Intelligence Agency is heading for a "whitewash" of the roles President John Kennedy and his brother played in plots to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Goldwater, R-Ariz., is a member of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence investigating the CIA.

The committee's chairman, Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, disagreed.

Goldwater said that, as the committee's secret hearings draw to a close, "efforts are being made to divorce President Kennedy and former Atty. Gen. Kennedy, from the assassination attempts made on Castro in the early 1960s."

This may lead to a contest in the committee, he added, "between those who want to make sure nobody blames President Kennedy and those who want to tell the truth."

"In the early '60s," Goldwater said, "President Kennedy and his brother had every right to perceive that the nation's best interest lay in the removal of Castro. Let us remember that a near state of war existed between the United States and Cuba at this time. Castro's removal seemed necessary, if not vital, in those days and was supported by nearly all responsible officials in Washington."

Goldwater said he is not seeking "scapegoats" in the inquiry on "the mistakes of the CIA." But he objects to an "impression being created that the CIA was out of control and conducting private wars against foreign leaders without presidential authority," he added.

Church said, "I'm at a loss to know what the senator means. He has attended none of the drafting sessions of the subcommittee (preparing an interim report) and I don't know to what extent he has reviewed the evidence."

The committee, meanwhile, issued two subpoenas demanding that White House aides turn over the

papers and tapes of former President Richard M. Nixon on CIA covert action in Chile and domestic surveillance.

The confrontation seems likely to wind up in federal court because the White House insists that it cannot turn over the requested documents under the terms of pending litigation over the ownership of Nixon's presidential papers.

The committee subpoenaed presidential counsel Philip W. Buchen and General Services Administrator Arthur Sampson, who have temporary custody of the papers under the court order.

The committee also heard private testimony Tuesday from Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who denied that he or anyone else in the Nixon administration had ever planned any assassinations of foreign officials.