

White House delays CIA probe — Church

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WASHINGTON (AP) — White House reluctance to turn over key documents is forcing a delay in the Senate Intelligence Committee's investigation of alleged assassination plots involving the Central Intelligence Agency, chairman Frank Church, D-Idaho, said Monday.

"We have not yet received from the White House materials that we had requested and that had been promised to the committee and that were really necessary to a thorough interrogation of the witness," Church said in announcing the postponement of the scheduled appearance of McGeorge Bundy, former

national security adviser to the late President John F. Kennedy.

The testimony of other high officials in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations, including former Secretary of State Dean Rusk and former Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara, also has been postponed, Church added.

Without the documents "it's quite useless for us to bring these witnesses before the committee — all of them are essential, all of them have to be very carefully questioned," he added. Church described the documents as "minutes of

the National Security Council and minutes and other documents of the special group that had control of covert activities during the late 1950s and early 1960s.

Earlier, on the Senate floor, Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., said that the CIA "took orders from the top" in carrying out illegal activities.

Goldwater, a member of the intelligence committee, said the panel's probe will show the CIA did not want to do some of the things it did but felt obliged to follow orders.