

Levi Orders FBI to Probe Murder of Mobster Roselli

Washington

Attorney General Edward H. Levi ordered the FBI yesterday to investigate whether mobster John Roselli was murdered as a result of his Senate committee testimony on CIA assassination plots against Cuban Prime Minister Fidel Castro.

Levi responded to requests from Senate intelligence committee members that the Justice Department take charge of the investigation.

Justice Department spokesman Robert Havel said Levi told the FBI "to investigate whether the Roselli homicide was the result of his testimony before the committee or

to prevent future testimony before a committee of Congress."

Roselli's body was found stuffed in a drum floating in Biscayne Bay off the Florida coast over the weekend.

Roselli had testified about his role in a CIA scheme to use organized crime figures to kill Castro. The scheme was never carried out.

Havel said Levi authorized the FBI to enter the case under a federal statute which makes it a crime to obstruct proceedings before government agencies and congressional committees.

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