

# Sen. Church

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### Death Plots

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After questioning CIA Director William E. Colby for the third time, chairman Frank Church of the Senate Intelligence Committee said yesterday the United States cannot allow any of its agencies to engage in assassinations.

Church did not say, however, that his committee — created to investigate the Central Intelligence Agency and other U.S. intelligence-gathering organizations — has evidence that the CIA has actually been involved in any plots to kill.

"I can't disclose and would not want to disclose particularization of testimony today until the committee finishes its investigation and the committee itself decides on how it will handle the matter," Church said

after a 3½-hour session with Colby.

"I will say, however, my own personal view is that it is simply intolerable that any agency of the government of the United States may engage in murder.

"Therefore, if the facts were to lead the committee to the conclusion that there had been actions of this kind, we will not leave it to the executive. We will see that laws are so written that such actions never occur again."

Church's comments were the strongest hints yet in the hearings that the CIA may have been engaged in assassination plots.

This was Colby's third appearance before the panel in two weeks.

Church also indicated the committee is looking higher than the CIA itself for possible motivation for assassination plots.

"There are unanswerable questions," he said in reply to a question about how far up in the government his investigation will reach.

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