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C.I.A. Inquiry Got No Giancana Help

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WASHINGTON, June 20 — Senator John G. Tower, vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said today that committee staff cago rackets chief Sam Giancana shortly before Mr. Giancana was murdered yesterday.

According to a committee staff member, Mr. Giancana had been "located" but not interviewed before he was killed in his home in Oak Park, Ill.

Meanwhile, the committee chairman, Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, told reporters at a news conference in Idaho that there was "no credence" to any notion that the Central Intelligence Agency might have profited from Mr. Giancana's death.

Mr. Church said that the committee had planned to call Mr. Giancana as a witness, but that it already had the facts on alleged plots against Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba from "other sources."

According to authoritative intelligence sources, Mr. Giancana was one of two men with organized crime connections recruited by the C.I.A. in 1960 to kill Mr. Castro. The other man, John Roselli, is expected to testify before the Comte committee next week.

Protection Promised

Mr. Church acknowledged that Mr. Giancana would have been an important witness and said that the committee was prepared to supply "physical protection" to other witnesses who might feel their lives are in danger.

The 65-year-old reputed Mafia leader was killed by seven shots late yesterday at his home in Oak Park.

The news of Mr. Giancana's death came as the Senate committee was holding hearings on the 1963 overthrow of South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem by a group of military officers. President Diem was killed in the coup while riding

as a passenger in an armored personnel carrier.

Mr. Tower, Republican of Texas, told reporters at the noon break, "We have no indication at this moment that there was any direct American involvement in the assassination of Diem." He would not, however, rule out indirect involvement.

"I think that we're going to have to hear from some more witnesses, weigh various testimony. I think it's obvious from what's already been printed that there was some American

interest in the plot to overthrow the Diem Government," he said.

He added that the "fact of the matter is that there was no direct American involvement in the assassination and American involvement was specifically rejected at high levels as a means of implementing national policy."

William E. Colby, Director of Central Intelligence and a former Army colonel, Lucien Conein, testified before the committee today. Colonel Conein was a Central Intelligence Agency operative in Vietnam during the Diem coup.

According to material in the Pentagon papers, published in 1971, Colonel Conein was liaison with the group of military officers who overthrew President Diem. But the papers contained no specific order for the Diem assassination.

The committee continues its inquiry into the Castro era with former figures of the administration of President Kennedy, Gen. Maxwell S. Taylor and McGeorge Bundy, being called as witnesses.