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Plans to Make CIA Data Public

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The Senate intelligence committee hopes to make public the evidence on alleged Central Intelligence Agency assassination plots by the end of July, Chairman Frank Church (Dem-Ida.) said yesterday.

Church added that although no decision has been made yet by the full committee he is personally opposed to holding public, televised hearings on assassination allegations.

"This would do the maximum injury to the country," by holding up "this whole sordid story before the world," he said.

Both Church and vice chairman John Tower (Rep-Tex.), indicated the assassination evidence would be made public in the form of a report.

The two senators spoke with reporters after a meeting with White House counsel Philip W. Buchen and his assistants on how assassination evidence would be turned over to the committee.

Church complained Wednesday that the original procedure under which some of the assassination-related

documents would be delivered to the committee each morning and returned to the White House at night had made it impossible for committee lawyers to prepare adequately for the questioning of witnesses.

After yesterday's meeting with Buchen, Church announced that "we were able to work out an arrangement that will enable the committee to retain these particular documents in its possession in order to facilitate the interrogation of witnesses."

According to Church, the arrangements allows the committee to keep the assassination materials for as long as they are needed as well as to make duplicate copies of documents.

Among the documents which the committee will be allowed to retain for an indefinite period of time are minutes of National Security Council during the early 1960s, deputy White House counsel Roderick M. Hills said.

The committee and the White House also apparently arrived at a tentative agreement over the handling of committee requests for evidence relating to other areas

of its investigation of U.S. intelligence.

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