

Nixon Offer Rebuffed By Prober in Senate

Washington

Chairman Frank Church of the Senate intelligence committee said yesterday he finds former President Richard Nixon's conditions for giving testimony "unacceptable" and will recommend that the panel reject them.

The Idaho Democrat said after a committee session that under conditions stipulated by Mr. Nixon for granting testimony, the former President would have "total control of what he divulged."

In any event, Church said, he believes the committee now has "all the facts we need" concerning Mr. Nixon's part in ordering the CIA to intervene in Chilean politics and on the abortive "Huston plan" for a massive domestic intelligence operation against American dissidents. The latter was devised under Mr. Nixon's administration, but never executed, Church said.

Church said he would ask the committee at an executive session

Monday to turn down Mr. Nixon's offer.

The conditions under which Mr. Nixon would testify were spelled out in a letter November 13 from his attorney, Herbert J. Miller, to Frederick Schwarz, the committee counsel.

Although the letter has not yet been released, its contents have become generally known. They specify that Mr. Nixon would be willing to give testimony on a "wide range of subjects" to "ranking committee members" — presumably meaning Church and vice chairman John Tower (Rep-Tex.) — at his San Clemente residence.

The letter stipulated that the committee would have to agree that Mr. Nixon's testimony was "voluntary" and that he would still exercise executive privilege in declining to answer any questions.

Church is expected to receive majority support from the committee of six Democrats and five Republicans.

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