

# Senate Spy Probers May Ask for Additional Time

Washington

The Senate select committee on intelligence activities, scheduled to wind up its work at the end of February, might seek to extend its mandate into the spring to complete the drafting of legislative guidelines limiting domestic intelligence activities of the FBI.

Senator Walter F. Mondale (Dem.-Minn.), who heads the panel's recently formed subcommittee on domestic intelligence matters, said in a recent interview that while he hopes to try to complete that task before the appointed date of February 29, "It is probably not realistic that we're going to finish by then."

Mondale said that the extension of time, if it is sought, would be used to complete a current inquiry by the

committee staff into the FBI's counter-intelligence operations and not to open up new areas of investigations. He does not anticipate any reluctance by the full Senate to agree to such a request.

The subcommittee's chief area of concern, Mondale said, is the Justice Department's proposal that the FBI be permitted by law to move in various clandestine ways against violence-prone groups if it believes there is a "likelihood" that they are preparing to engage in terrorist or other criminal activities that threaten the national security.

The subcommittee has asked the FBI to provide it with case histories in which counter-intelligence techniques have been successful in preventing planned violence.

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