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The chairman of the Senate Intelligence Operations Committee indicated yesterday that Central Intelligence Agency director William Colby is acknowledging CIA involvement in assassination plots directed against foreign leaders.

Senator Frank Church (Dem-Idaho) said the controversial subject was "probably the central issue" during secret questioning of the CIA director at an executive session of the committee.

Allegations of CIA involvement in assassination attempts and schemes under investigation are believed to center primarily on Cuban Premier Fidel Castro and the late Rafael Trujillo of the Dominican Republic.

Church indicated that there is still no reason to think the CIA carried out any assassinations, but he said Colby's testimony amounted to more than "merely a general denial" of allegations concerning assassination attempts and conspiracies.

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