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Senator Church Says Probe Aim Is CIA Reform

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Senator Frank Church said yesterday the aim of his special Senate committee investigating intelligence agencies is "not to wreck them but, if necessary, to reform them."

Appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," Church said he has been shocked by allegations of domestic activity by the Central Intelligence Agency, but added that he has not drawn any conclusions as to the accuracy of the charges.

The Idaho Democrat heads a Senate committee probing the various intelligence agencies operated by the government. A similar House panel is expected to be recommended tomorrow by the House Democratic Steering Committee.

Church said the Senate investigation would reach further into the CIA and FBI than the White House panel headed by Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller. Church said the Rockefeller group was one administrative arm investigating another, and that an independent congressional investigation was warranted.

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