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**Of CIA and  
JFK's Death**

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The Senate Committee on Intelligence Operations is planning an inquiry into persistent but never proven allegations of Central Intelligence Agency involvement in the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

According to informed sources, members of the select committee's staff feel they cannot ignore the issue even if the prospect of settling it conclusively appears remote.

"I think it's fair to say they're sniffing around on that right now," one source said. "But there's no formal investigation yet and I don't know if there will be."

Plans thus far apparently call only for a preliminary staff inquiry. Under the committee's rules, a full-dress investigation cannot be initiated without majority approval from the 11-member panel.

"We might just end up exonerating them (the CIA) on this one," another source said, "but that's all right. That's our business, too."

Recent allegations and disclosures concerning the CIA's domestic activities have encouraged a resurgence of charges that Mr. Kennedy was the victim of a conspiracy that involved the CIA in one way or another.

The Rockefeller Commission on the CIA is reportedly probing the Kennedy assassination and a group headed by comedian Dick Gregory has asserted that E. Howard Hunt Jr. was picked up by the Dallas police near the scene of the 1963 assassination shortly after the shooting.

The Warren Commission, which investigated the assassination said that Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, was the President's assassin.