

# SENATE SPY UNIT TO DELAY REPORT

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3d Extension to Be Sought as

Agencies Scan Huge Study  
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WASHINGTON, March 9—  
The State Select Committee on Intelligence will ask the Senate later this week for its third formal time extension as the result of last-minute delays in completing its report, according to the committee chairman, Senator Frank Church.

Mr. Church, the Idaho Democrat, said part of the delay was caused by permitting Federal intelligence agencies to have a page by page reading of the draft of the report. Though the intelligence agencies have no editorial power over the report, they are reading the 1,200-to 1,500-page draft to be sure the committee has made no inadvertent disclosure of sources or methods of national security intelligence.

The Senate resolution first called upon the committee to report on September 1, 1975. It was given an extension until February 29 and later until March 5. Mr. Church said that he expected the committee might be able to report to the Senate as early as the end of the month, but that it would ask for a 30-day extension to permit time for printing and publication of the report.

## Church Delays Campaign

On several occasions last year Mr. Church had said that he would not begin a campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination until the committee's work was complete. He will open his campaign in Idaho on March 18.

He said in a telephone interview today, however, that he believed that the committee's work was largely complete and that despite the fact he was announcing his campaign he would be back in Washington during the committee's final weeks.

This latest request for a time extension symbolizes what has seemed to be a persistent problem for the Senate committee: unrealistic expectations. Time and again the committee members and staff have predicted completion dates or methods of doing things that have not materialized.

## Date Was Doubted

In this case, for instance, many rank and file staff members said early in February that the March 15 date was unrealistic. Yet senior staff men and the committee spokesmen talked about the 15th as a realistic date for completion of part of the report as late as last weekend.

According to the most recent plan, the full membership of the committee will be given the recommendations of two subcommittees that are to bring the reports together next Monday, during the following days the committee will debate and adopt "findings and recommendations."

The findings and recommendations represent about one-third of the final report. There are also substantial sections on foreign and military intelligence and on domestic intelligence matters.

Under the security regulations instituted by the committee to prevent portions of its report from being linked to the press, the intelligence agencies will receive no advance copy; instead, they are sending representatives to the Senate offices of the committee where they are reading the report and recommending national security deletions. The deletions will be up to the committee.