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# Church Blasts Ford on CIA Move

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Chairman Frank Church of the Senate Intelligence Committee yesterday denounced President Ford's proposed change in the CIA leadership as an effort to hamper investigations of the spy agency.

He said he will not vote for George Bush to replace William E. Colby as CIA director.

Church said at a news conference his committee is near the final stages of its investigation into intelligence activities by the CIA and other U.S. agencies. "I am surprised that the President chose this moment to appoint a new director, because it can only have a disruptive effect," Church said.

The committee unanimously

approved Monday its staff report on U.S. Intelligence assassination plots. After further deletions of sensitive names, it will be printed and sent to the full Senate, which will probably make it public before the end of the month.

Mr. Ford has objected that publication will cause "grievous damage" to the nation and endanger individuals who helped

intelligence activities abroad.

Church said "there is a pattern" in the administration's attempt to hamper the committee's investigations, including Mr. Ford's request that the panel not hold open hearings on the National Security Agency, the dismissal of Colby and the attempts to prevent publication of the assassination report.

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