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**Senate  
May Probe  
CIA 'Plots'**

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The Senate select committee on intelligence will investigate allegations that the Central Intelligence Agency was in-

volved in political assassinations, committee sources said yesterday.

They added that the inquiry could well end up in public hearings.

Senator Frank M. Church (Dem-Idaho), the committee's chairman, did not rule out the possibility of public sessions when he pledged a careful investigation of published reports that the CIA had been involved in plots to assassinate, or actual assassinations of, leaders of foreign countries.

A source close to the senator said, however, that Church is concerned with embarrassment to the United States if details of such plots were known.

The White House appeared to be encouraging the Church committee to look into the controversial subject.

After persistent questioning yesterday, President Ford's spokesman, Ron Nessen, told newsmen, "There certainly will be an opportunity for the Church commission to look into (assassinations) if they wish. The charter of the Rockefeller commission limits it to allegations of domestic spying."

Nessen also said White House chief of staff Donald Rumsfeld was correct in telling television interviewers Sunday that Mr. Ford has been assured U.S. intelligence projects contain no assassination plots and he intends to see none is developed.

Several recent news reports have stated that the CIA was involved in plots to assassinate Premier Fidel Castro of Cuba and President Francois Duvalier of Haiti and in the assassinations of Rafael L. Trujillo, head of the Dominican Republic and of Premier Patrice Lumumba of the Congo.

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