

Senate Probe CIA
Ex-Presidents and
CIA Death Plots
No Direct

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Senator Frank Church, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said yesterday that his committee has no evidence linking former presidents to plots by the Central Intelligence Agency to assassinate leaders of foreign governments.

In answer to questions from reporters after a closed hearing, Church said: "I would have to say that all this time the committee has no evidence that would directly link CIA involvement in this kind of activity with presidents of the United States during this period under investigation."

He said that the period of investigation covered the administrations of Presidents Eisenhower and Kennedy and the early portion of President Johnson's administration.

Meanwhile, members of a House select committee also investigating the CIA said they were told sketchy details of the CIA's involvement in the assassination of the late Gen. Rafael Trujillo Molina, dictator of the Dominican Republic.

Representative Ronald Dellums, (Dem.-Calif.) told the Associated Press that Trujillo's killing "could be traced to actions that were taken by the CIA." Dellums is a member of the House committee.

A dispatch of the New York Times Thursday quoted authoritative government sources as saying that the CIA gave "material support" to a group of Dominicans who killed Trujillo.

These sources said that the CIA's involvement in this successful assassination had been reported to Mr. Ford and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence. It was also one of the incidents

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referred to by Representative James Stanton (Dem.-Ohio), who is chairman of a House subcommittee investigating the CIA.

Church declined to comment on the New York Times report.

Meanwhile, Speaker Carl Albert accepted the resignation of Lucien Nedzi (Dem.-Mich.) from the chairmanship of the House Select Committee on Intelligence. He said he would appoint a new chairman on Monday.

This action brought to a close an unusual revolt by the Democrats on the committee. They began ten days ago to press for Nedzi's removal as chairman on the ground that he could not conduct an impartial investigation because as chairman of another House committee he had been briefed on CIA wrong doing by CIA director William Colby.

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