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American Spy Technology

'Massive' Threat to U.S.

Washington

Senator Frank Church (Dem-Idaho), said yesterday the spy technology of the government is so massive that Americans would have "no way to fight back" if a dictator took control.

Church, chairman of the Senate committee investigating the Central Intelligence and other intelligence gathering agencies, said his panel is looking into the security index of the FBI, emergency offices of the Mount Weather Computer System, and the military's contingency plan for martial law.

Church did not disclose any new data from the CIA probe, reiterating the committee's finding that there is no hard evidence that any former President or high-level government official holder was involved in assassination plots against foreign heads of states.

Church made his comments in NBC-TV's "Meet the Press."

He was asked if he feels that

Cosmonauts Tour

Moscow

Soyuz cosmonauts Alexei Leonov and Valery Kubasov will tour the United States for about two weeks next month, U.S. sources said Friday.

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CIA, FBI and government security systems have used emergency powers for contingency plans that threaten the American people.

"In due course the committee will pass judgment on those questions," he said.

But Church went on to warn of the potential danger of the nation's "very extensive capability of intercepting messages," which he said is essential in keeping track of foreign enemies.

That capability, he said, "at any time could be turned around on the American people, and no American would have any privacy left, such is the capability to monitor everything, telephone

conversations, telegrams, it doesn't matter."

"There would be no place to hide," he said.

"If this government ever became a tyranny, if a dictator ever took charge in this country, the technological capacity that the intelligence community has given the government could enable it to impose total tyranny and there would be no way to fight back," he said.

Church said his committee is receiving considerable information from the CIA and other agencies, although characterizing the effort as a struggle.

"Sometimes it's like pulling teeth," he said.

He refused to endorse a move to ask CIA Director William Colby to resign, saying Colby has been "forthcoming" in his dealings with the panel.

Church, frequently mentioned as a presidential candidate, said he will make no decision on whether to run until after the



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SENATOR FRANK CHURCH
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intelligence committee ends its work this year. He said said he "called off" any efforts on his behalf at present to avoid any partisanship in the investigation.

"After this investigation has run its course, that's a different matter," Church said.

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