Church Says FBI, CIA Withheld JFK Data

Omaha

Senator Frank Church (Dem-Idaho) said yesterday that the CIA and FBI "failed to make a full and complete disclosure" to the Warren Commission of information they had concerning the assassination of President Kennedy.

Church, chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, said, "There will probably be an outcry to reopen the investigation" into Kennedy's death when his committee makes its report public later this spring or in early summer.

Church said his committee uncovered information "that details the extent to which those agencies did, or failed to, turn over facts about the 1963 assassination."

Asked if he would join in what he predicted would be demands to reopen the investigation, Church said, "I'll talk about that after the report is out." He would not discuss what information had not been given to the commission.

Church said the committee discovered the omissions during its overall investigation of the activities of the two federal agencies.

"We weren't looking at the Warren Commission," Church said, "but the investigation led to it as part of the job of looking at what goes on between the CIA-FBI and other governmental agencies."

Church said the committee's staff has asked for additional time to complete the report, the final segment of the committee's 15-month investigation of foreign and domestic spying by the U.S. government.

The subject of the Warren Commission came up yesterday as Church was campaigning in Nebraska for the Democratic nomination for President.

Washington Post