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Johnson May Be Called On In CIA Clash

By the Associated Press

President Johnson may be asked to step in as the ultimate peacemaker to head off a Senate clash over the Central Intelligence Agency, sources said today.

Johnson may be asked by an emissary — probably Senate Democratic leader Mike Mansfield—to direct the agency to accede to the Foreign Relations Committee's desire to get full reports on CIA activities, the sources said.

This, they said, is one of the compromises being discussed—but not yet approved—in effort to keep the dispute over Senate supervision of the agency from erupting on the Senate floor.

Mansfield got both sides yesterday to agree to put off a showdown on the Foreign Relations Committee's resolution

that would revamp the present CIA watchdog committee.

Sen. Richard B. Russell, D-Ga., who heads the CIA panel made up of seven senior members of the Armed Services and Appropriations committees, has denounced the Foreign Relations group's bid as an effort to "muscle in."

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