Bush's nomination called 'astonishing'

 $\label{eq:WASHINGTON (UPI) - The chairman of a committee investigating U.S. intelligence activities yesterday urged the$ Senate to reject President Ford's "ill-advised ... astonishing" nomination of former Republican National Chairman George Bush to head the CIA.

"The line must be drawn somewhere, and a man of Mr. Bush's prolonged involvement in partisan activities at the highest party level surely passes over that line," Sen. Frank Church, D-Idaho, said in Senate speech.

Church's Senate Intelligence Committee has been conducting a nine-month look at U.S. intelligence activities. Ford announced Nov. 3 his nomination of Bush, to succeed William E Colby, fired in the "Sunday Massacre" with Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger.

I find the President's appointment astonishing," Church said of Bush, now U.S. envoy to China



