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SECRET GROVE

Press, Inc

GROVE SUES C.I.A.; SEEKS \$10-MILLION

Says Agency Wiretapped and Bombed Publishing Office

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A suit that charges the Central Intelligence Agency with infiltrating, wiretapping and bombing the offices of Grove Press, Inc., will be filed in Federal District Court here today.

It will be filed on behalf of Grove Press, its president, Barney Rosset, and an editor, Fred Jordan, according to Peter Weiss, a lawyer for the three plaintiffs.

"As far as we know," Mr. Weiss said yesterday, "Grove Press is the only business to be

identified so far as a target of the C.I.A."

A 21-page complaint seeks to compel the Intelligence Agency to turn over all its records relating to the plaintiffs and asks for more than \$10-million in damages from the agency as well as additional damages from its officials.

The complaint includes the following allegations:

¶ Unidentified anti-Castro Cubans employed or controlled by the C.I.A. bombed the New York offices of Grove Press, then at 80 University Place, on July 26, 1968, in connection with the agency's domestic United States operations. Grove's offices are now at 53 East 11th Street.

¶ The agency wiretapped the telephones of Grove Press and Mr. Rosset; collected the wiretapped information in an intelli-

gence file and divulged the contents to others.

¶ Impersonation and disguise were used to "infiltrate" Grove Press, place employees in the company and adversely influence its managerial, editorial and employment policies.

¶ A "mail watch" was conducted against the plaintiffs that included opening and copying their correspondence.

¶ The C.I.A. arranged for "a forceful entry and search of the New York apartment of Bea Losito, while she was employed as plaintiff Jordan's secretary" and obtained information that was collected in the files.

Restraint Charged

The complaint contends that the alleged actions were designed to restrain the publishing activities of Grove, impair Mr. Rosset's political expressions on public issues and retard the advancement of views

that opposed or criticized C.I.A. officials and the Administration that employed them.

Mr. Weiss, the lawyer for the plaintiffs, said that he had "circumstantial evidence" to support the allegations and that he believed there was additional evidence in the C.I.A. files.

The agency is accused in the complaint of refusing to provide the plaintiffs with copies of all the records about them in its files, allegedly because it wants to conceal evidence of its illegal activities.

The court is asked in the complaint to bar the C.I.A. from destroying any of the records and to compel the agency to deliver all the records concerning the plaintiffs to the court.

After the court examines the records in private, the complaint continues, the plaintiffs should be given all the records to which they are legally entitled.

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P-JORDAN, Fred

CIA 3.02.2 Infiltration

by CIA