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*Honorable Men, My Life in the CIA*, by William Colby. New York: Simon & Schuster. \$12.95.  
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Washington—Books about the United States Central Intelligence Agency and other secret organizations have poured forth in such profusion over the past three or four years that it's hard to keep up.

But there now is a chance that part of the flow will diminish — that coming from former CIA "insiders." If sustained in the appeals process, the government's initial success in its book-publishing trial against former CIA analyst Frank Snepp may inhibit further publication of memoirs by other ex-CIA employees.

Whatever the ultimate outcome of the Snepp case, John D. Marks, co-author of one of the most important books in this field "The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence," 1974, Knopf, predicts a trend in the next few years away from books by former insiders to an increasing number of books on secret intelligence activities by historians and other researchers.

"The publishing world thinks the market is falling out a little bit," said Mr. Marks, who is acknowledged as a full-

time CIA watch  
boredom has set in.

"But I think the outpouring of information will continue," said the former foreign service officer, who is writing a book on CIA experiments with mind-control drugs. "Historians have ignored CIA activities over the years, and now they're going to want to find out what happened in any number of countries around the world."

A. J. Langguth, author of "The Truth about U.S. Police Operations in Latin America," 1978, Pantheon, a new book on U.S. advisers to police networks in Latin America which provides further detail on CIA activities in Brazil, notes that there have been only three recent "defectors" from the CIA itself — Philip Agee, Frank Snepp, and John Stockwell — who have come in from the cold to tell their stories. Mr. Langguth suggests, in a commentary for the New York Times, that it would take at least 300 more to tell the full story.

That large a number of former CIA people seems unlikely to "sing," especially if the legal actions against Mr. Snepp are sustained. But who knows how many of the 300 to 400 employees being fired under current CIA efficiency measures will take the risks involved and break their vows of secrecy? A number of these veteran CIA employees are known to be extremely bitter over the treatment they have received.

Mr. Snepp, author of "Decent Interval," the story of the collapse and evacuation of South Vietnam, believes that

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