

FORMER CUBAN ASKS DAMAGES

JFK Case Article Brings \$1 Million Suit

A former Cuban attorney, now living in Gretna, filed a suit for damages totaling \$1 million Friday in Federal District Court, charging that he was defamed by a book and a magazine article dealing with the Warren Commission's investigation of the death of President John F. Kennedy.

The suit was filed by Dr. Carlos Bringuier against Gambi Publications Inc., publishers of the magazine "Saga," and Harold Weisberg, Hyattstown, Md., author of the book "Whitewash—The Report on the Warren Commission Report," and the magazine article "Kennedy's Murder—Buried Proof of a Conspiracy."

It is charged that the book and magazine article defamed the plaintiff by alleging:

1. That he was a former official of the Castro government until he defected in May, 1960.
2. That he disguised this to the degree possible during his testimony before the Warren Commission.
3. That although he identified

himself to the Warren Commission as a salesman and manager of a store called Casa Boca, 107 Decatur, he was in fact an owner in partnership with his brother-in-law, Rolando Pelaez.

4. That upon arriving in New Orleans Feb. 18, 1961, he was the delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council.

5. That he is an enemy of the United States who hates the United States more than he does Russia.

The suit claims that Dr. Bringuier is avidly dedicated to the cause of freedom in the Americas and is wholeheartedly a patriot of the U.S.

He charges that this is shown by documents presented to him by the Christian Crusade and the Information Council of the Americas.

Dr. Bringuier alleges that the book and article have exposed him and his family to disrespect and ridicule by picturing him as "one who is dishonest, a prevaricator and pretentious traitor to the United States."

His attorneys, Herbert C. Parker III and Nestor Marquez-Diaz, ask that the matter be tried before a jury.

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