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Woman Petitions U.S. for Return Of N. Viet Books

A Washington woman petitioned in U.S. District Court yesterday for the return of three books published in North Vietnam that she says U.S. Customs agents confiscated on her return from Canada.

Susanne Orrin, 1512 Corcoran St. NW, charged agents at Niagara Falls "rummaged through her personal effects" and confiscated "The Vietnamese Problem," "North Vietnamese Medicine Facing the Trial of War," and "Literature and National Liberation in South Vietnam."

Her lawsuit, prepared by lawyers from the American Civil Liberties Union, charges the search of her "personal effects" and the seizure of the books were unconstitutional.

She said she had the books with her when she went to Canada and did not acquire them there. The agents who took the books, she said, asked her to sign a paper authorizing them to be burned, but she refused.