

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

NO. 477-421

STATE OF LOUISIANA

DIVISION 10

DOCKET 4

DR. CARLOS BRINGUIER

VS.

GAMBI PUBLICATIONS, INC.

AND

HAROLD WEISBERG; AND

DELL PUBLISHING CO. INC.

FILED: Apr 29, 1968

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PETITION FOR DAMAGES

The petition of Dr. Carlos Bringuier, domiciled at 532 Delmar St., Gretna, Louisiana, in the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, respectfully shows that:

I.

The Gambi Publications, Inc., a defendant herein, is a New York Corporation with offices at 30-30 Northern Blvd., Long Island City, New York, which is not qualified to do business in Louisiana, but is doing business in the State because of the sale and distribution of the magazine, "SAGA", which enjoys a wide circulation in Louisiana; Harold Weisberg, a defendant herein, residing at Cog D'Or Farm, Hyattstown, Maryland, who conducts business in the State of Louisiana by virtue of the sales in Louisiana of his book, "Whitewash - The Report on the Warren Report" is the author of the article, "Kennedy's Murder - Buried Proof of a Conspiracy", which article appears in the April, 1967 Edition of Saga Magazine, designated as Volume 34, No. 1, and by virtue of his being the author and publisher of the book entitled, "Whitewash - The Report on

Report", which book has been sold and distributed and enjoys a wide circulation in the State of Louisiana, are justly and truly indebted to petitioner, jointly, severally and in solido, in the full sum of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS, for the reasons hereinafter set forth:

II.

That the aforesaid publishers of Saga Magazine printed certain portions of Harold Weisberg's book, "Whitewash - The Report on the Warren Report", and that said Article was reported and printed in the April, 1967 edition of Saga Magazine and said Magazine was widely distributed, sold and read in the New Orleans area, the State of Louisiana, Throughout the United States, and in foreign countries, with the foreign editions handled through the International Division of MacFadden-Bartell Corporation, a New York Corporation.

III.

That the aforesaid Harold Weisberg, is the author and a publisher of the book, "Whitewash - The Report on the Warren Report", and said book was published and printed subsequent to 1965, and said book was widely distributed, sold, read in the New Orleans area and enjoys a wide circulation in the State of Louisiana, throughout the United States and foreign countries.

IV.

That the Dell Publishing Co., Inc., a publisher of the book, : "Whitewash - The Report on the Warren Report", commenced publishing said book during 1966 with a total of four separate printings to date, and that said book was widely distributed, sold, read in the New Orleans area,

"Murder - Buried Proof of a Conspiracy" was copyrighted by Gambi Publications, Inc., during 1967.

VI.

The April, 1967 Edition of Saga Magazine, published, sold and circulated on said date, and the book, "Whitewash - The Report on the Warren Report", copyrighted, sold and circulated from the year 1965 to the date of the filing of this suit, contained certain articles defaming petitioner in the following words:

A. That petitioner was a former official of the Castro government in Cuba until he defected in May, 1950.

B. That petitioner disguised the aforesaid allegation to the degree possible during petitioner's sworn testimony before the Warren Commission while the latter was investigating the assassination of former President John F. Kennedy.

C. That although petitioner identified himself during sworn testimony before the Warren Commission as a salesman and manager of a store called Casa Boca (or Casa Bocca), 187 Decatur Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, he was in fact, an owner in partnership with his brother-in-law, Rolando Pelaez.

D. That upon petitioner's arrival in New Orleans, Louisiana on February 18, 1961, he was the delegate of the Cuban Revolutionary Council.

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

VII.

That petitioner is avidly dedicated to the cause of freedom in the Americas and that petitioner is wholeheartedly a patriot of the United

VIII.

That the aforesaid publications expose petitioner to disrepute and ridicule and lowers him in the opinion of his colleagues, his business associates, the general public, his friends and family, crippling him in his future career and future work for his livelihood by picturing him as one who is dishonest, a prevaricator, and a pretentious traitor to the United States of America.

IX.

The aforesaid accusations made against petitioner constitute an unwarranted, false, malicious and libelous attack on petitioner and were intended and calculated to convey, and did convey to the readers thereof defamatory imputations on petitioner, injurious to his reputation as a man, a patriot of the United States of America, his personal and business reputation, holding him up and exposing him to public hatred, contempt and ridicule. The aforesaid allegations were intended to inflame and excite the public mind, to create prejudice and bias against petitioner and were intended to disgrace him and deprive him of the confidence and goodwill of society, and to lessen its esteem for him.

X.

The defamation and libel to which petitioner has been subjected, as aforesaid, has caused petitioner great annoyance, harrassment, and mortification, and has damaged him in the full sum of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS, as aforesaid, in the following respects:

Damages to Petitioner's good name, fame and reputation.	\$ 500,000.00
Damages because of mortification and humiliation to Petitioner's feelings.	375,000.00
Mental pain and anguish	75,000.00

XI.

Petitioner desires and is entitled to a trial by jury in this case.

WHEREFORE, petitioner prays that after due proceedings had, there be judgment herein in favor of petitioner, Carlos Bringuier, and against Gambi Publications, Inc., Harold Weisberg and Dell Publishing Co., Inc., and that said defendants be condemned to pay to your peitioner the sum of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000.00) DOLLARS, together with legal interest from date of judicial demand until paid, and for all costs of these proceedings.

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PLEASE HOLD SERVICE ON  
HAROLD WEISBERG, DEFENDANT  
PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

ORDER

Let there be trial by JURY upon Plaintiff posting a JURY COST BOND as required by law in the amount of \$250<sup>00</sup>, on or before May 15<sup>th</sup> 1968.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before the date of trial the Plaintiff be, and are hereby ordered to deposit a minimum of \$96.00 cash for each day the trial is estimated to last.

New Orleans, La.

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JUDGE