

## CONGRESSMAN SUES C.I.A. OVER RECORDS ON A BOOK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11—Representative Don Edwards, Democrat of California, has filed a suit in Federal District Court here asking that the Central Intelligence Agency be required to make public any records it might have concerning the publication in this country of a book allegedly commissioned by a company with ties to the agency.

The book at issue, "Chile's Marxist Experiment," by Robert Moss, a British journalist, is a highly critical account of the administration of Chile's late President, Salvador Allende Gossens. It was published in Britain in 1973. Last year The Guardian reported that the book had been commissioned by Forum World Features, a now-defunct news service that the newspaper termed "a C.I.A.-subsidized propaganda operation."

Mr. Edwards said that he became concerned when he learned that about 900 copies of the book had been sold in the United States. His concern, he said, was not only that publication here of a book with C.I.A. backing would be a violation of the agency's own rules, but also that the book was "consistently insulting" to Senator Frank Church, Democrat of Idaho, the head of a subcommittee that investigated the possible involvement of United States concerns in the overthrow of President Allende.

A spokesman for the C.I.A., Dennis Berend, said today that he had no comment on the suit. The agency has never conceded that it had ties to Forum World Features.