

Court Rules In His Favor

Greensburg Man Explains Reason Behind Taking CIA Issue Before Supreme Court

GREENSBURG, Pa. (AP)—A lawyer's office in this western Pennsylvania county seats five year battle by William B. Richardson, 48, and the father of three children, the acknowledged budget of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, "in service" but steadfastly to him a matter of "conscience" uses to say in what capacity and concern for the public. Richardson, who speaks with a Southern drawl, is the object of his suit to the Supreme Court. He has argued the disclosure of the public the government's spending, amount spent by the CIA, the CIA's "page wars," both U.S. and subsequent judicial arrangements with foreign governments of secretly financing operations, and to provide the government claimed that he had for years.

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Richardson, a law school graduate, now is employed as an investigator for the Westmoreland County Public Le-

the National Security Act of 1950, are hidden in numerous accounts of agencies within the general accounting.

"We have a criminal conspiracy in Washington against the proper protection of a confidential document," said Richardson, naming as co-directors of the alleged plot the directors of Annual Accounting and the Bureau of Management Budget, and the secretary of the Treasury.

"There's no question in my mind that the U.S. Treasury is lying to the public about its production of a confidential document, no matter what the Constitution requires a truthful accounting on the treasury," he said.

Richardson said he can see nothing the CIA has ever done except to spend billions and billions of dollars and grow larger.

"We have practically lost all of our national wealth through this clandestine spending; it has ruined us. And they (the government and the CIA) want to continue it. They apparently feel it is just too good a thing; there's nobody looking over their shoulder."

Richardson, who left government service 17 years ago, said he first decided to attempt to do something about the secrecy of the CIA budget in 1966, when he read reports in the New York Times and Ramparts magazine concerning the alleged use of CIA funds in philanthropic organizations to sway public opinion on various subjects.

"I've got three children and I want them to live in a decent country," said Richardson, who is in his 40s.

Asked whether he thought there has been any pressure brought to bear on him since his action against the government, he said he couldn't be certain.

He did say, although unable to substantiate it, that he thought Washington had something to do with me being fired from my job as an investigator for an insurance company. He said he was unemployed afterward for 15 months.

"But what happens to me isn't important. What happens to the government is," he said.

He said his only hope now is that the Supreme Court will decide to hear his side of the case, too.