

Ruling on Withholding C.I.A. File To Be Appealed by Liberties Union

DES MOINES, Oct. 9 (UPI)—The Iowa Civil Liberties Union said yesterday that it would appeal the decision of a Federal judge who ruled that the Central Intelligence Agency could keep secret part of a dossier it compiled on an Iowa City man.

Larry Frank had requested under the Freedom of Information Act, to the file the agency kept on him. However, the C.I.A. refused to turn over one document relating to Mr. Frank's activities in 1969-1970, when he traveled to Cuba and attempted to arrange a trip to China.

It argued that disclosure of the document could jeopardize a foreign intelligence source, exempting the document from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act. Federal District Judge William C. Stuart upheld the agency's position.

The Civil Liberties Union contends that Mr. Stuart should have examined the document himself to determine whether it was being legally withheld.