

U.S. Judge's Order In Suit Against FBI

New York

A federal judge yesterday directed the Justice Department to turn over all material it received from a retired FBI agent who claims a top FBI official lied about policies involving informants.

The order was issued by U.S. District Judge Thomas P. Griesa as part of discovery proceedings in a Socialist Workers party suit for \$40 million damages over alleged illegal FBI surveillance methods.

The same judge cited Attorney General Griffin B. Bell for contempt last summer for refusing to obey his order to disclose files of 18 informants used to gather information about the activities of the Trotskyite party. He is awaiting the outcome of an appeal filed by Bell.

Griesa issued the order after ruling the disclosure was necessary to allow lawyers for the party to

press their damage suit, which was filed in 1973.

Yesterday's development arose over a report in the New York Times that retired FBI agent M. Wesley Swearingen had accused associate FBI director James Adams of signing a false deposition in connection with the suit. It also reported that Swearingen took issue with the Adams statement in communications he sent to the Justice Department.

The Adams deposition outlined an FBI contention that to violate its policy of confidentiality by disclosing informants might endanger their safety and hurt recruiting.

Griesa ordered all material sent by Swearingen to the Justice Department to be given to him for inspection.

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