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Dear Friends of the First Amendment:

It appears that the "Old Boys" are out for blood. (Enclosed is a sample of a "secret mailing.") The cult around the Association of Former Intelligence Officers (AFIO), Ray Cline's gang at Georgetown, and the Buckleys at the American-Chilean Council (ACC) have in mind some McCarthy-type hearings.

I trust that we agree that this is not the 1950s, or the day of the Plumber and the secret "Enemies' List." I believe that what is revealed here is not the power but the weakness of the secret class.

Yours in the Right to Know,



Donald Freed

P.S. John Blake, president of AFIO will be general counsel for the Goldwater Intelligence Sub-Committee!

## A Fund to Finance Spook Suits

FORMER CIA MASTER SPOOK David Phillips has decided it's time for spies to come in from the cold—and apply some legal heat to their media accusers.

Phillips, for years the agency's Latin American operations chief, has set up an organization called Challenge to underwrite suits against the critics. Fund-raising letters describe Challenge as "an intelligence officers' legal action" fund.

One of the first suits being considered, Phillips



Phillips: Wants action.

said, is a class action on behalf of CIA agents against *Covert Action Information Bulletin*, the Washington-based publication that specializes in naming the agency's overseas personnel.

"A prominent Washington lawyer has assured me this is feasible," said Phillips, who helped found the Association of Former Intelligence Officers when he left the CIA in 1975.

He said Challenge-supported litigants who win money in court will reimburse the fund for costs.

At least one potential Challenge target said he looks forward to a courthouse encounter. "Challenge is a CIA front, and if they take us to court, this'll open the agency up to discovery motions it's never had to face before," said writer Donald Freed, who recently accused Phillips of taking part in a cover-up of alleged CIA involvement in the 1976 assassination in Washington of former Chilean foreign minister Orlando Letelier.