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# E. Howard Hunt Sued, 'Libelous' Book Hit

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E. Howard Hunt, convicted Watergate conspirator, author and Potomac resident, has been sued in Montgomery County Circuit Court by a Cuban-American couple who charge that Hunt knowingly misconstrued their marital status in a recent book "with an intent to injure and defame" them.

Justo Carrillo y Hernandez and Ofelia Barbat de Carrillo have asked for \$500,000 in damages in their libel suit against Hunt and his publishing company, Arlington House Publishers, Inc.

The Carrillos, former residents of Bethesda who now

live in Coral Gables, Fla., say that they came to know Hunt while the three were involved in organizing the abortive Bay of Pigs invasion in April 1961.

Hunt's recent book, "Give Us This Day," purports to be "The inside story of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Bay of Pigs Invasion." The Carrillos say in their suit that Hunt refers to their marriage in the book as a "common-law marriage" and later refers to Mrs. Carrillo as Carrillo's "Amiga," which the Carrillos say translates into the English word "mistress."

#### Suit's Charges

"The defendants (Hunt and Arlington House) intended that the words 'common-law wife' and 'amiga' be understood to mean that Justo Carrillo y Hernandez and Ofelia Barbat de Car-

rillo were not lawfully married but were living together immorally, which is libelous..." the suit charges.

The plaintiffs also charge that Hunt knew that the Carrillos were lawfully married before the book was published and that misinformation about their marriage was published despite Hunt's knowledge to the contrary.

The Carrillos allege that Hunt was motivated to publish false information about their marital status because of political differences between the couple and the former CIA man. The Carrillos include their support for John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election as one of the points of contention.

#### Retraction Asked

The Carrillos also allege that they demanded a retraction from both Hunt and

Arlington House, but neither have made such a retraction.

Hunt, reached for comment, referred all questions on the case to his lawyer, William Snyder of Baltimore, Snyder could not be reached for comment Tuesday.