

Rosenberg Sons Sue for Files of Parents' Trial

WASHINGTON, July 14 (AP)—Declaring that they were "firmly convinced of the innocence" of their executed parents, the sons of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg files suit today in an attempt to make public all the Government's files on the celebrated espionage case.

Robert and Michael Meeropol asked the United States District Court to order that all such records be handed over by the Federal Bureau of Investigation Resources Development Administration, the Department of Justice and United States Attorneys' offices in New Mexico and New York.

Their suit, filed under provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, also seeks an injunction barring any further destruction of the materials following a recent disclosure that the United States Attorney in New Mexico had destroyed records on David Greenglass, who was a key Government witness against the Rosenbergs.

Doubts Expressed

The Rosenbergs were executed 22 years ago after they were convicted of passing the secret of the atomic bomb to the Soviet Union. To the end the couple insisted they were innocent, and doubt over the verdict has been expressed from many quarters over the years.

Last month, the Justice Department announced that it had ordered the F.B.I. to turn over to the Rosenbergs' sons as much as possible from an estimated 48,000 pages of files relating to the case.

But the sons, who now go by the name of the Meeropol family that adopted them, told reporters outside the courthouse today that they had witnessed only "Government foot-dragging" on the matter. "All we have is promises—no files, no inventory of files, and no time table for release," said Robert Meeropol.

Michael Meeropol is 32 years old and Robert is 28.