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Robert, left, and Michael Meeropol, seek records of investigation and prosecution of their parents, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were executed as spies.

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Rosenberg Sons File Suit Here To See Files in Parents' Case

The sons of Julius and Ethel Rosenberg filed suit in federal court here yesterday in an attempt to gain access to government files on the investigation of their parents, and to block any destruction of such files by government agencies.

Michael and Robert Meeropol, who took the last name of the family that adopted them after the execution of their parents as atomic spies in 1953, filed the suit against Attorney General Edward H. Levi, FBI Director Clarence M. Kelly, C. Director William E. Colby and various other government officials.

They said that in previous attempts to gain access to the government's files on their parents' case, they discovered that some files have been destroyed.

The Meeropols also allege in the suit, filed in their behalf by New York attorney Marshall Perlin, that they

have learned that before their parents' trial, officials of the Atomic Energy Commission met with a joint congressional committee "for the prime purpose by prearrangement to insure and secure a conviction and a death sentence."

They claim further that the contents of the meeting were communicated to a federal judge in New York before the trial to get his agreement to impose a death sentence.

The Meeropols, who say in the suit they are "firmly convinced of the innocence of their parents," want all government files in the case turned over to the federal court here to insure their safekeeping.

They also ask that the government prepare a full inven-

tory of the files on their parents' investigation, which are said to total nearly 50,000 pages.

Attorney General Levi said last week that he would provide access to files to the Rosenberg's sons, but that the files would have to be reviewed in detail to prevent disclosure of details that would harm national security and invade the privacy of other persons mentioned in the files.