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## Challenges To Secrecy

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The secrecy surrounding the work of the National Security Council and the Central Intelligence Agency was challenged on a broad front yesterday.

Launching what promises to be a continuing series of lawsuits, Morton H. Halperin filed three complaints demanding disclosure of the CIA's January report to President Ford on illegal domestic activities, CIA budgetary information and a six-year summary of NSC studies and decision memoranda.

A former NSC staff member and onetime White House aide to Henry Kissinger, Halperin said all the information had been denied to him despite formal requests under the strengthened Freedom of Information Act that went into effect February 19.

The litigation was initiated as part of a project jointly sponsored by the nonprofit Center for National Security Studies here — with which Halperin is affiliated — and the American Civil Liberties Union. Halperin also is suing for damages over the wiretapping of his telephone under the Nixon administration.

At a press conference yesterday, Halperin said the CIA already has acknowledged it is subject to the new freedom-of-information law by making a few documents public in response to his requests. Many others are still pending.

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