

A Name Deleted in Senate CIA Report

Washington

The Senate intelligence committee yesterday deleted the name of a frightened former intelligence official from its Central Intelligence Agency murder plot report and cleared the report for publication.

The decision to honor the plea for anonymity meant that tomorrow the public may finally read in detail the panel's findings on alleged CIA plots to assassinate such foreign leaders as Cuba's Premier Fidel Castro.

The Senate committee announced it had decided to delete the name after a meeting between its lawyers and attorneys for the former intelligence official, who said he feared violent reprisals for the apparently key role he played in various assassination schemes.

committee spokesman said the decision was made to avoid court action that might have further delayed publication of the

long overdue report.

Monday, U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell rejected the official's request for a restraining order against publication of the report, conceding there was "a real possibility of physical harm to the plaintiff if his name is reported" but ruling the public's right to an uncensored report outweighs his right to privacy.

The man's attorney appealed to the U.S. Court of Appeals, raising prospects of a delay in publication, but the appellate court case was abandoned when the panel agreed to delete the name.

The Washington Post identified him as Dr. Sidney Gottlieb, retired chief of the CIA's Technical Services Division, who testified before the panel in closed session with a grant of immunity from prosecution.

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