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WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 — The Central Intelligence Agency has asked the Justice Department to determine whether Federal Laws were violated in the publication of the identity of Richard S. Welch, the C.I.A. chief of station in Athens who was murdered by gunmen there last month.

A C.I.A. spokesman, asked about the agency's request, would say only that "we have submitted the entire matter to the Department of Justice for their consideration."

Justice Department sources said that the Criminal and Civil Rights Divisions had been studying since late last week the possibility that criminal statutes were violated by the Organizing Committee for a Fifth Estate, the group that publishes Counter-Spy magazine here.

The magazine in a recent issue named Mr. Welch, along with several dozen other C.I.A. officials.

The department, sources said, was also studying the possibility that the group, in addition to violating the law by making the disclosures, had violated Mr. Welch's civil rights. No determination of wrongdoing has been made yet, they said.