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Defamation Suit Shifted To U.S. Court

Carlos Bringuier's \$1 million suit for alleged defamation in articles based on the Warren Report concerning the death of President John F. Kennedy has been removed from Civil District Court to Federal District Court.

Court. Bringuier, 532 Delmar, Gretna, is a former resident of Cuba. He is suing Harold Weisberg, who wrote a book entitled "Whitewash—The Report of the Warren Report" and an article, "Kennedy's Murder — Buried Proof of a Conspiracy," which appeared in Saga Magazine. Codefordants are G ambi

Codefendants are G a m b i Publications Inc., Long Island, N. Y., publisher of Saga, and the Dell Publishing Co. Inc., New York City, publisher of Weisberg's book.

Weisberg's book. The two publishing firms filed a removal petition, claiming that the suit meets the jurisdictional rules of Federal District Court in that the amount sought is more than \$10,000 and that there is diversity of citizenship between the parties in that Bringuier lives in Gretna and the defendant firms are based in New York.

Bringuier charges he was defamed by statements that accused him of being an officer of the Castro government until he defected in 1950, that he disguised this fact in testimony before the Warren Commission, that he was a delegate to the Cuban Revolutionary Council, and that he is an enemy of the United States.