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(190) TOFTE SUIT

WASHINGTON, OCT. 26 (AP)-HANS V. TOFTE, A U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AGENT WHOSE CONTRACT WAS TERMINATED RECENTLY, FILED A DAMAGE SUIT TODAY IN FEDERAL COURT AGAINST CIA DIRECTOR RICHARD HELMS AND THREE OTHER PERSONS.

TOFTE IS ASKING \$25,000, THE VALUE HE CLAIMS ON A LETTER HE SAYS WAS REMOVED FROM HIS HOME BY THE CIA.

THE SUIT DOES NOT DESCRIBE THE CONTENTS OF THE LETTER BUT TOFTE'S LAWYER, BYRON N. SCOTT, SAID IT WAS WRITTEN BY HELMS IN THE MID-1950S AND THAT IT ASKED TOFTE TO REMAIN IN THE CIA FOR LIFE. THE CIA SAYS "NO SUCH LETTER EVER EXISTED."

THE SUIT CONTENDS THAT THE THREE OTHER DEFENDANTS, CIA EMPLOYEE KENNETH R. SLOCUM; SLOCUM'S WIFE, JUDY, AND CHARLES D. SPEAKE, A CIA SECURITY OFFICER, ENTERED TOFTE'S HOME UNLAWFULLY ON JULY 24. BY CIA COUNT, ABOUT 1,000 DOCUMENTS WERE REMOVED AT THAT TIME FROM THE FORMER TOFTE HOME IN WASHINGTON'S GEORGETOWN DISTRICT.

SLOCUM ENCOUNTERED CLASSIFIED DOCUMENTS IN THE TOFTE HOME WHILE LOOKING FOR AN APARTMENT JULY 23, THE CIA SAID.

AFTER THE INCIDENT, TOFTE REPORTED THE AFFAIR TO THE PRESS.

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