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MINNEAPOLIS, JUNE 9 (AP)-TWO TOP OFFICIALS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY HAVE CONTACTED A NEW YORK PUBLISHING HOUSE IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO SUPPRESS OR CENSOR A BOOK DUE TO BE PUBLISHED ABOUT U.S. SECRET INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, THE MINNEAPOLIS TRIBUNE REPORTED TODAY.

IN A WASHINGTON STORY WRITTEN BY CORRESPONDENT CHARLES W. BAILEY, THE TRIBUNE SAID A RANDOM HOUSE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED THAT BOTH CIA DIRECTOR JOHN MCCONE AND CIA DEPUTY DIRECTOR LT. GEN. MARSHALL S. CARTER COMPLAINED ABOUT THE BOOK, "THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT."

THE BOOK IS SCHEDULED TO GO TO PRESS LATER THIS MONTH.

IN NEW YORK, A SPOKESMAN FOR RANDOM HOUSE SAID "AS FAR AS I KNOW, THE CIA HAS NOT BEEN IN TOUCH WITH RANDOM HOUSE."

THE SPOKESMAN DECLINED SPECIFIC COMMENT REGARDING THE NEWSPAPER STORY.

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MINNEAPOLIS--CIA-BOOK (A88) SUB FOR 4TH AND 5TH GRAFS PREVIOUSLY INSERTED AS A118: IN NEW YORK X X X STORY.

IN NEW YORK, BENNETT CERF, PRESIDENT OF RANDOM HOUSE, DENIED TONIGHT THAT THE CIA TRIED TO SUPPRESS OR CENSOR THE BOOK.

CERF SAID THE CIA TOLD RANDOM HOUSE THERE WERE INACCURACIES IN THE BOOK, BUT HE SAID THAT UNTIL THE CIA LISTED AND PROVED THEM, "WE'LL PRINT AS MANY BOOKS AS WE CAN; WE TRUST THE AUTHORS IMPLICITLY."

BAILEY QUOTED ETC 6TH GRAF AS BEFORE.

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IT TO US. THEY NEVER HAVE."

THE SOURCE SAID MCCONE AND CARTER CONTENDED PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK WOULD BE HARMFUL TO NATIONAL SECURITY, BUT DID NOT CLAIM THAT ITS PUBLICATION WOULD VIOLATE ANY SECURITY CLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION. RANDOM HOUSE SAID THE BOOK NAMES NO CIA AGENTS.

PAUL CHRETIEN, CIA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER, TOLD BAILEY THE CIA WOULD HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE MATTER.

THE STORY ALSO WAS CARRIED IN THE DES MOINES REGISTER.

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THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD NEWSPAPERS, IN A STORY PUBLISHED JUNE 6 IN THE NEW YORK WORLD-TELEGRAM & SUN, QUOTED RANDOM HOUSE PRESIDENT BENNETT CERF AS SAYING:

"SOMEBODY FROM WASHINGTON CAME TO SOMEBODY HERE AND SUGGESTED THAT PERHAPS . . .THEY MIGHT BUY UP THE ENTIRE FIRST PRINTING (OF THE WISE-ROSS BOOK)."

"THE SCRIPPS-HOWARD ACCOUNT, AS REPORTED BY CORRESPONDENT RICHARD STARNES, QUOTED CERF AS SAYING THE SUGGESTION CAME FROM "ONE OF OUR PEOPLE, A SALESMAN, I THINK."

THE STARNES ACCOUNT SAID SOME INFORMED PERSONS HAD CHARGED THAT THE CIA TRIED TO SWING THE DEAL.

STARNES WROTE THAT THE PROPOSED PURCHASE COLLAPSED WHEN IT BECAME CLEAR THAT RANDOM HOUSE WOULD IMMEDIATELY ORDER A SECOND PRINTING FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION IF IT WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SELL OUT THE FIRST PRINTING.

STARNES ADDED THAT LOOK MAGAZINE, WHICH PRINTED EXCERPTS OF "THE INVISIBLE GOVERNMENT" IN ITS JUNE 16 ISSUE, "CONCEDED THAT THE CIA HAD URGED IT TO MAKE CHANGES IN ITS TEXT PRIOR TO PUBLICATION."

THE STORY SAID THE CIA APPROACHED GARDNER COWLES, LOOK PRESIDENT AND EDITOR, AND ASKED THAT SOME CHANGES BE MADE IN PORTIONS THE CIA CONSIDERED INACCURATE.

"WE MADE A NUMBER OF CHANGES, BUT WE DO NOT CONSIDER THAT THEY WERE SIGNIFICANT," STARNES QUOTED A LOOK SPOKESMAN AS SAYING.

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