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# CIA Chief To Fight Manuscript

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Central Intelligence Agency Director William E. Colby has intervened directly in a court battle over a book manuscript he says would compromise highly sensitive intelligence sources and operations.

The CIA director, in an affidavit filed Wednesday in Alexandria's U.S. district court, offered to testify in private before Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr. in support of the government's efforts to prevent publication of 225 deletions ordered by the agency on security grounds.

The authors of the manuscript, former CIA analyst Victor L. Marchetti and former State Department intelligence official John D. Marks, are challenging the basis of the CIA's security deletions.

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