

Unusual CIA

Response to New Book

WASHINGTON

The Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday its decision not to contest publication of portions of the book "The CIA and the Cult of Intelligence" does not constitute endorsement of the book or its conclusions.

The agency went to unusual lengths to respond to the contents of a book which is due to be published June 24. It issued a three-page press release — one of the few in its history.

The CIA went to some pains to stop publication of the book entirely publisher Alfred A. Knopf says this is "the first book the U.S. government ever went to court to censor before publication."

The statement which the CIA issued dealt primarily with the factual content of the book, rather than its criticism of the agency.

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