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**162 Deletions in Book on C.I.A.
Opposed by Counsel for Authors**

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ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 18—Counsel for two former intelligence officials urged a Federal District Court judge today to allow their clients to publish a book about the Central Intelligence Agency in its entirety.

Victor L. Marchetti, a former assistant to the Director of the agency, and John Marks, a former State Department intelligence officer, are currently prevented by a court order from publishing 162 passages in their book. Officials of the agency contend that the deleted material, which has been reduced from 339 passages to the present 162, consists of sensitive intelligence secrets.

Today, in final arguments before Judge Albert V. Bryan Jr., Melvin Wulf asked the judge to "pierce the mystique of national security" he contended surrounds the C.I.A. Mr. Wulf is representing the two men on behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Mr. Wulf said the purpose of the book, titled "The C.I.A. and the Cult of Intelligence," was "to inform the American people what an important agency the Government is doing." Under the First Amendment of the Constitution, Mr. Wulf said, "the public has a right to read this book."

"If the court has any doubt at all, it should be resolved against the Government," Mr.

Wulf said. "The First Amendment deserves the benefit of the doubt."

Floyd Abrams, who represents the book's publishers, Alfred A. Knopf, Inc., charged that the classification methods were "capricious." Four deputy directors of the intelligence agency appeared earlier this month to discuss the deletions.