

# CIA accused of underwriting

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MIAMI — The Central Intelligence Agency has been sued for \$10 million by Andres Castro, a Miami mortgage broker who has admitted selling counterfeit mortgages but insists the CIA put him up to it.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court here Friday by Castro's Jacksonville

lawyer, William Lassiter Jr. Besides the CIA, the U.S. government and two Cuban exiles with known CIA connections were named as defendants.

The two men, Guillermo Iglesias and Antonio Yglesias, had offices for a year and a half at Castro's Bell Mortgage Co. in Miami. Their whereabouts is un-

known.

Castro claimed the two men persuaded him in 1973 to let them use his company as a front to raise money for covert CIA activities.

The CIA declined comment on the suit. In the past, it had refused to verify or deny any relationship with Iglesias or Yglesias. But it vigorously insisted the agen-

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cy had nothing to do with the alleged frauds.

By the time Bell Mortgage closed its offices in Miami, Orange Park, Fla., and Norfolk, Va., last December, according to Castro, false mortgages and inflated real estate appraisals had brought in more than \$3 million.

Most of that money, Cas-

tro says he believes, went to the CIA through paper corporations the alleged agents made him set up in Miami and in Latin American countries.

Iglesias and Yglesias are known to have participated in the CIA-backed Bay of Pigs invasion in 1961. Yglesias also is known to have been a leader of a Cuban ex-

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ile commando group, also CIA-sponsored, that was based in Nicaragua in the mid-1960s.

Other individuals named as defendants are former CIA director Richard Helms and its present director, William Colby.