

Lawyer to seek CIA documents

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The attorney representing Northern New Jersey anti-Castro Cubans, indicted in connection with the murder of Chilean diplomat Orlando Letelier, will ask a federal court next month to order the release of a huge stack of secret intelligence papers.

The attorney, Paul Goldberger, said the release of hundreds of thousands of pages of documents compiled by the CIA and the National Security Council would provide the defense with information that could lead to the acquittal of the five accused men.

Guillermo Novo Sampol of North Bergen, Alvin Ross Diaz of Union City, Virgillo Paz Romero of Union City and Jose Dionisio Suarez of Elizabeth along with three others were charged with conspiracy to murder a foreign official, murder of a foreign official, two counts of murder and murder by use of explosives. Ignacio Novo of North Bergen was indicted for lying to a grand jury and concealing knowledge of a felony.

In the brief to be filed in federal court in Washington, Goldberger will also ask

that bail for Guillermo Novo Sampol be reduced from \$200,000 to \$25,000.

Goldberger is also prepared to ask the court for a change of venue from the current site in Washington, preferably to New York or the metropolitan area. "The publicity in Washington has been massive for so long" that he doubts his clients can get a fair trial with an impartial jury, Goldberger said.

Letelier, an exile at the time of his death, was the Chilean ambassador to

the U.S. and later foreign minister in the government of Salvador Allende Gossens. He was killed when a bomb exploded in the car in which he was riding. A woman passenger was also killed.

The local men indicted are leaders of the Miami-based Cuban Nationalist Movement, which is anti-Castro.

The defendants have claimed that their indictments are an attempt by the federal government to improve its relationship with the Castro regime.