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CIA Espionage Jury To Get Defense Case

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The defense is expected to open its case today in the federal court espionage trial of former CIA worker Edwin G. Moore, II.

Presiding Judge Frank A. Kaufman denied the defense request for a judgment of acquittal last Thursday in the seventh day of the trial.

Three medical doctors and psychiatrists are to testify in Moore's defense that the former agent is innocent by reason of temporary insanity.

Kaufman said the trial should be completed and the jury will probably get the case for deliberation May 2 or May 3.

The government has charged Moore, 56, stole super secret CIA documents and tried to sell them to the Russians for $200,000.

Prosecutors Thomas L. Crowe and Daniel F. Goldstein produced witnesses who said they found Moore's fingerprints and palm prints on a package Moore allegedly tossed over the wall of the Russian embassy compound in Washington last Dec. 21.

The witnesses said the package contained a torn portion of a secret internal April 1973 CIA telephone directory of an alphabetical listing of 5,782 names of CIA employes in the Washington area and a listing of various offices.

The fragment contained the names of 305 employes, 79 of them now under cover gathering intelligence overseas, the CIA's director of security testified.

Because the CIA is still not absolutely certain the Russians did not open the package before calling federal authorities after finding it, a number of the agents have been transferred to other assignments and some covert operations have been halted, the security man said.

Moore allegedly offered to sell the Russians the entire directory which "would make for a deep penetration of the secrets of the CIA's operations," he said.

Robert W. Gambino, the security chief, said, "The Russians and the KGB (Russian secret police) have been trying for years to get their hands on that book."

The last government witness Thursday before the trial was recessed until today was George Bush, former CIA director.

He testified that "serious damage could have occurred to the CIA if a hostile foreign government got possession of that telephone book."

However he said he was not involved in the episode because at the time, last December, he was giving President Carter a series of five briefings on the operations of the CIA and also reporting to former President Ford on political and military activity in other nations.

Bush had been a member of the National Security Council and had served in the Security Council of the United Nations when he was this country's ambassador to that body for two years.

He also served for 18 months as special envoy to the Peking government of the People's Republic of China.

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