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# FBI Seeking Ex-Pentagon Aide in Leak

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 17—Two FBI agents tried unsuccessfully today to interview Daniel Ellsberg, 40, a former government economist who was a member of the federal task force that prepared a secret study of the Vietnam war that has been leaked to The New York Times.

The FBI agents left the Ellsberg residence on a shady, tree-lined Cambridge street when no one responded to their knock at the door.

Neither the FBI nor the Justice Department would comment, but it was learned that efforts to find Ellsberg were intensified when he was not available this morning.

Ellsberg was publicly named as the source of the secret documents Wednesday night by a former New York Times reporter, Sidney Zion. On a local New York radio show, Zion identified Ellsberg as the person who leaked the documents and said his information came from "impeccable sources."

The New York Times declined to comment on Zion's allegation.

Earlier Wednesday night a man identifying himself as Ellsberg telephoned The Washington Post and refused to confirm or deny he leaked any documents. He indicated that he believed he was under surveillance, and was calling from a public telephone booth in Boston.

In Washington today, Rep. Paul N. McCloskey (R-Calif.) said Ellsberg gave him copies of documents dealing with the same subject more than a month ago, according to United Press International. McCloskey, a war critic, said he could not tell whether the copies he received were part of the 47-volume Pentagon report, but he said they were not stamped secret.

And he added "I cannot remember that anything I have seen is what's been published." He said he had not

read the third installment of The Times series, only the first two.

Ellsberg lives at 10 Hilliard St. in Cambridge. For the past year he has been a senior research associate at the center for international studies at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Because of Zion's allegations Wednesday night, a few newsmen were at the Ellsberg house this morning when the FBI agents arrived.

During the rest of the day, increasing numbers of media personnel ringed the house and at noon today an MIT security officer said there had been at least 150 reporters and television cameramen scouring the campus in search of Ellsberg.

A spokesman for MIT said that Ellsberg was on campus Wednesday but he was not seen today.

Meanwhile, in Detroit the Associated Press quoted Ellsberg's father as saying that his son had "every reason" to leak the secret Pentagon study on the war.

"He said in 1967 that he would do everything in his power to get the boys out of there. I thought he has been very consistent," said Harry Ellsberg.

## "Holding My Breath"

Although Ellsberg said he doesn't know for a fact that his son was the man who gave the report to The New York Times, the father said: "I've been holding my breath for several days since I heard about this thing. I thought it could have been him."

A brother Harold, a New York insurance executive, told Westchester-Rockland Newspapers today he last saw his brother six months ago and the two had never discussed the Pentagon study.

He said his brother at one time "strongly supported the U.S. war policy" in Vietnam, but changed his mind after working as a civilian aide on the staff of Gen. Edward Lansdale in Vietnam.

"He took a 180-degree turn about — that's how he expressed it to me," said Harry. "I think he became totally disillusioned about the entire U.S. involvement from what he saw."

## '52 Harvard Graduate

As the FBI sought to talk with Ellsberg, some government officials were raising the possibility that preliminary drafts of the war study, separate from the 15 official copies, may still exist and could have been the source of The Times series.

Ellsberg graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College in 1952 and later earned master's and doctoral degrees in economics. He joined the Defense Department for about a year as an aide to Assistant Secretary John McNaughton, and late in 1955 went to Vietnam and served as attache at the embassy.

Before his government experience he had worked at the Rand Corp., the "think tank" in Santa Monica, Calif., which often works on government projects. He returned there in 1967 and subsequently worked on recommendations for Vietnam policy with presidential aide Henry Kissinger.

In 1970 he received his MIT appointment; it already has been extended for next year.

It was not known why Zion, who quit The New York Times in 1969 to become co-editor of Scanlan's, a defunct muckraking magazine, chose to name Ellsberg. While offering no proof, Zion assured Barry Gray, the radio program's moderator, that Ellsberg definitely furnished the Pentagon documents to The New York Times. Later, Zion told The New York Post that The Times had tried to prevent him from revealing Ellsberg's name. Just before the show Zion said that Arthur Gelb, The Times metropolitan editor, called him at Gray's

WMCA studio and asked him whom he was about to name.

"Will you tell me if I'm wrong?" Zion said he replied. He said that Gelb said no, so he refused to tell Gelb anything.

Zion said that after the show Murray Schumacher, a Times reporter who was present in the studio, told him that Gelb wanted Zion to know he was "never to set foot in The Times again." The Times did not publish any account of the Zion allegations in its late editions today but did so briefly in Friday's editions.

On the program, Zion was asked how he obtained the information about Ellsberg.

He replied, "Well, just like they won't tell where they got it, I won't tell where I got it; I can't, but I did get it from what I consider to be very impeccable sources."

And he added: "I want to say that I think he did an extraordinary act for the country and that he's to be praised and not condemned..."

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