

No place like new home for Rewald

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Ronald Rewald, the embattled Honolulu businessman who says he was a covert CIA agent, has found a new safehouse to live in.

While awaiting state and federal trials on more than 100 counts of fraud, theft, perjury and tax evasion, Rewald is at home at 647 June Street in Los Angeles' old-line Hancock Park neighborhood.

Rewald's new pied-a-terre is leased to him for \$3,400 a month. The house is listed for lease at \$4,000 a month.

There, he and his wife, Nancy, and four of their five children occupy four bedrooms and three baths. There are also maid's quarters, with bath.

Marble floors adorn much of the downstairs. The house offers a total of 5,440 square feet on a half-acre lot.

That's considerably larger than Rewald's old Honolulu house, which bankruptcy controller

Thomas Hayes says Rewald bought with other people's money.

The Los Angeles mansion does not have a pool like the Honolulu home. But there's room for one in the backyard, next to the tennis court.

Rewald's rented \$700-a-month Ford LTD station wagon stands waiting in the porte-cochere.

After putting in a busy day as a \$1,000-a-week consultant to the president of Voyager Communications Inc., or working on memoirs which could bring him \$750,000 under contract to the same man, Rewald can relax in the spacious cabana.

For those long-distance calls to his lawyers, there is the privacy of a large den.

The community is quiet, with only a few movie stars living nearby. Many of the neighbors are fourth- and fifth-generation Angelenos, including several physicians, lawyers and other professionals.

If Rewald's fortunes improve, and he likes the place, it's listed for \$895,000, marked down from more than \$1 million.

Meanwhile, Rewald's former house in Honolulu, on Kalaniana'ole Highway, is going on the auction block Oct. 31. The Honolulu house, 4,500 square feet on three-quarters of an acre, failed to get even a nibble at the \$1.2 million listing price for five months.

Living in Los Angeles during the sticky fall months can be bothersome, but Rewald enjoys air conditioning on the entire second floor of the Tudor-style mansion.

Rewald has left his Los Angeles home temporarily to come to Honolulu today for a hearing in federal court. At issue is whether Rewald is entitled to have the court appoint a lawyer for him at taxpayers' expense because he is too poor to afford one.



Photo by Dick Strobel

The new Rewald home at 647 June Street in Los Angeles' Hancock Park.