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Charges link U.S. to Indian spies

NEW DELHI, India — U.S. intelligence officers operating from the U.S. Embassy paid an Indian businessman to obtain Indian defense secrets, organize protests against the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and run an anti-Soviet propaganda campaign, court documents filed yesterday said.

The documents alleged Taiwan officials and New Delhi-based West German diplomats participated in American efforts to cultivate members of the Indian Parliament as sources of information. The charge-sheet named nine Americans and two West Germans and said they were diplomats.

Three of the parliamentarians identified in the documents — two senior ministers and a state commission chairman — resigned on Monday. The allegations were contained in charges filed in a closed court Jan. 24 and formally brought yesterday against Rama Swaroop, 53, the Indian representative of a quasi-official Taiwan trade promotion group.

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Around the World

U.S. Embassy in India Denies Report on Spying

Special to The New York Times

NEW DELHI, Jan. 29 — The United States Embassy denied today that any of its diplomats had "engaged in espionage" with an Indian businessman who was accused Tuesday of passing secrets to several American officials.

The businessman, Rama Swaroop, was named last year as an agent for Taiwan who passed secrets from Indian officials to various foreign con-

tacts. He was specifically charged Tuesday with giving out classified information, but there were few details of what the information was.

In a statement, a United States Embassy spokesman said today that the United States "denies that any United States Government officials have engaged in espionage activity with Swaroop and specifically that any United States Government official has sought or received classified information or documents from Swaroop."