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Spy suspect waives right to hearing

BALTIMORE (AP)—Sahag K. Dedeyan, who held top-secret government clearance as a mathematician with a private firm, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Thursday on charges that he spied for the Soviet Union.

Dedeyan, 41, of Rockville, Md., said through an attorney that he would forgo the scheduled hearing and take his chances when government evidence is presented to a federal grand jury.

Prelimiary hearngs are held to determine if there is sufficient evidence to warrant holding a suspect for grand jury action. The hearing can also be used by a defense lawyer to explore the charges against his client.

Dedeyan remained free on $20,000 bond on charges of failing to report the illegal photographing of national defense information.

FBI agents arrested Dedeyan at his home June 27, the same day that agents in New York arrested Sarkis O. Paskalian, 36, on spy charges in the case.

Dedeyan was at one time an associate mathematician at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Columbia, Md.

While working under a top-secret clearance at the Hopkins lab, Dedeyan prepared a secret study entitled, "Vulnerability analysis: U.S. Reinforcement of NATO."