F.B.I. Holds 2 as Soviet Spies: Jewel Cutter and Mathematician

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A New York diamond cutter and a Maryland mathematician for defense research contractors were arrested yesterday on charges of conspiracy to commit espionage for the Soviet Union.

The two men, distantly related Armenians born in Beirut, Lebanon, are Sarkis O. Paskalian, 36 years old, a permanent resident alien who lives at 305 East 40th Street, near United Nations Headquarters, and Sahag K. Dedeyan, 41, naturalized American citizen who lives with his wife and three children in Rockville, Md. Mr. Paskalian was arrested by the Federal Bureau of Investigation at his jewelry store at 75 West 47th Street and Mr. Dedeyan was

The conspiracy is alleged to have involved Mr. Paskalian's photographing, at Mr. Dedeyan's home, of a classified document dealing with the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's military capabilities. Mr. Paskalian is accused of conspiring to gather defense information for a foreign power and Mr. Dedeyan is accused of allowing the photographing of the document.

The arrests, announced by the F.B.I., were the first for spying in the United States in two year and were described

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by a bureau officials as a major espionage case.

Criminal complaints and affidavits filed against the two suspects by the F.B.I. also named as co-conspirators, but not defendants, two secretaries of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations and a Soviet delegate to a United Nations human rights conference.

A spokesman for the Soviet Mission said one of the secretaries, Eduard B. Charchyan, left the United States a year ago, and the other, Abdulkhalik M. Gadzhiyev, like Mr. Charchyan a third secretary at the Soviet Mission, left for vacation last week and is expected to return. Petros Petrosyan, the third Soviet official named, was here on a visit in 1971, according to the spokesman, who said he had no comment about the arrests.

Mr. Paskalian was charged in the complaint with having conspired to transmit military secrets that he allegedly obtained from Mr. Dedeyan. He was arraigned on the complaint in Eastern District Federal Court in Brooklyn yesterday and held in bail of $100,000. If convicted, he could be sentenced to life imprisonment or death.

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Mr. Dedeyan, who had top-secret clearance to work on defense data, was charged with failing to report that Mr. Paskalian had illegally photographed defense data at the Dedeyan home in Rockville, a suburb of the District of Columbia. Mr. Dedeyan was held in bail of $20,000 in Baltimore. He faces 10 years imprisonment or a $10,000 fine or both, if convicted.

According to the F.B.I., Mr. Paskalian, using a camera supplied by Mr. Charchyan, photographed at Mr. Dedeyan's home a classified document entitled "Vulnerability Analysis: U.S. Reinforcement of NATO," in March, 1973. How Mr. Dedeyan came to have the document at home, or how long he had it there, was not disclosed.

According to the complaint, Mr. Paskalian gave the film to Mr. Charchyan.

Mr. Dedeyan, according to the complaint, had prepared the document while employed as an associate mathematician at the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, which he had joined in 1968. The laboratory had been doing secret work for the Defense Department under contract. Mr. Dedeyan left the laboratory in September, 1973, to work for Operations Research, Inc., in Silver Spring, Md., the complaint said.

According to the complaint, Mr. Dedeyan did not know that his 70-page document was being photographed at the time, but was told about it several months later by Mr. Paskalian, who gave him an envelope containing $1,000 in $20 bills as "a token of our appreciation." The money came from Mr. Charchyan, who also gave Mr. Paskalian $1,500, the complaint alleges.

Mr. Paskalian was recruited to spy for the Russians in 1962 when he was living in Yerevan, Armenia, part of the U.S.S.R., according to the F.B.I. Mr. Petrosyan sent him to the United States in the summer of 1971, met him in Queens the following year and assigned him to "develop a close relationship" with Mr. Dedeyan so that he could obtain classified information from him," according to the complaint.

Was this delayed 2 years for political purposes?