Dedeyan indicted for spying

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Sahag K. Dedeyan, a one-time government mathematician with access to top-secret documents, was indicted Tuesday by a federal grand jury in connection with an alleged spying incident.

Dedeyan, 41, of Rockville, Md., was charged in the single-count indictment with failing to report the copying of national defense documents.

No date was set for his arraignment on the charge. Dedeyan, who was arrested by the FBI last June 27, remained free on $20,000.

Dedeyan was picked up by agents at his home last June about 1½ hours after Sarkis O. Paskalian, a distant relative, was apprehended in New York.

Paskalian, a Manhattan jeweler, pleaded guilty Sept. 16 in federal court in Brooklyn to a charge of transmitting national defense secrets from the United States to the Soviet Union.

Dedeyan was a former employe of Operations Research, Inc., of Silver Spring, Md., and before that was an associate mathematician at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory in Columbia, Md.

While working at the Hopkins' lab under top security clearance, the FBI alleged, Dedeyan was contacted by Paskalian.

It charged that Paskalian photographed a secret study prepared by Dedeyan entitled "Vulnerability Analysis, U.S. Reinforcement of NATO." The picture-taking allegedly occurred at Dedeyan's home.

The FBI said in court papers that the study had been photographed in March 1973 with a camera supplied to Paskalian by Eduard B. Chirchyan, an official of the Soviet Mission to the United Nations.

Paskalian received $1,500 from his Soviet contacts in May 1974 and gave Dedeyan $1,000 "as a token of our appreciation," the FBI alleged.