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Dedeyan given 3 years

BALTIMORE (AP) — A 41-year-old Rockville mathematician has been sentenced to three years imprisonment for failing to report that his cousin, a Soviet spy, had photographed part of a defense document.

Sahag Dedeyan was sentenced Friday by U.S. District Court Judge Alexander Harvey. Dedeyan could have been sentenced to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Dedeyan was convicted in July after a trial centering around a document the defendant prepared concerning U.S. reinforcement of NATO in the event of a Soviet attack on Western Europe.

Dedeyan was employed by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory at the time he worked on the study.

Although the defendant did not testify, statements he gave to the FBI were introduced in evidence.

It was not for several months after the March 1973 incident that he learned that

Sahag O. Paskalian, 38, his cousin and a Manhattan jeweler, was an agent and had photographed the document, according to a statement.

Paskalian pleaded guilty to spy charges in November 1975 in Brooklyn, N.Y. federal court and was sentenced to 22 years in jail.

Expert military and civilian witnesses at Dedeyan's trial differed over the document's relationship to national security.

The defense contended throughout the nine-day trial that Dedeyan, who was not authorized to classify material, had marked the report secret and therefore there was no crime since the report was not properly classified.

But the judge told the jury that the law under which Dedeyan was charged does not concern classification, only whether the material relates to national defense.