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## Killer Dolphins Sold to Latins, Trial Told

HONOLULU, Dec. 3 (AP)—Some government-trained dolphins capable of killing enemy swimmers and ferrying weapons were sold to Latin American countries by researchers connected with the Central Intelligence Agency, a former Navy scientist has testified.

Michael Greenwood, a defense witness Friday in the trial of Kenneth Le Vasseur, said he left his civilian research job with the Navy in 1972 because of a disagreement with the intelligence community over the use of dolphins as biological weapons and their sale to Latin American nations. Le Vasseur, 28, and Steve Sipman, 28, are charged with theft in the release of two dolphins from University of Hawaii research tanks in May. They claimed they were freeing the dolphins, and the case is considered by many as a test of

"animal rights." Sipman is to stand trial in February.

Dolphins at the Navy Underseas Center at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, were trained to be used as "weapons platforms," Greenwood said, adding that research also was carried on at a CIA marine mammal center at Key West, Fla., where he worked for a period of time.

Weapon-carrying dolphins were trained to attack Russian ships in Havana Harbor, Greenwood said. These dolphins were sold to Latin American countries either by the CIA or by intelligence workers disenchanted with the CIA, he said.

In Washington, Dennis Berend, a spokesman for the CIA, said he had no knowledge of CIA sales of such trained dolphins but added that he could not make a firm denial of Greenwood's charge.

Greenwood also described one set of experiments at Key West, titled "swimmer" nullification," in which dolphins were used to kill enemy swimmers by injecting high-pressure gas into them. The gas canisters and a needle were carried on the dolphin's beak.

The experiments were continued at Kaneohe Bay and in Camranh Bay, Vietnam, in 1971, said Greenwood. He said he was not sure if swimmers actually were killed.

"This is unconscionable and indicates a sort of syndrome in the scientific branch of the Pentagon which says you can justify anything," said Greenwood, who now teaches in Moorehead, Minn.

"The dolphins could place the weapons in the wrong place," he said. Greenwood said he has given confidential testimony on the experiments to the U.S. Senate.