Ex-CIA Official Indicted—Again

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A federal grand jury yesterday indicted Iran-contra defendant Clair E. George on two obstruction counts to replace similar charges dismissed earlier this week.

The former CIA deputy director for operations was accused of obstructing 1986 congressional investigations into secret U.S. government efforts to assist the Nicaraguan rebels, or contras.

The two new charges accuse George of inducing others to lie to Congress. One accuses him of directing Alan D. Fiers Jr., the former CIA Central American task force chief, not to tell the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in October 1986 about contra resupply operations or the involvement of Felix Rodriguez in those activities. The other charges that George ordered Fiers not to give the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence information about contra resupply operations, also in October 1986.

George also faces four counts of making false statements and one count each of perjury, obstruction and perjury before a grand jury.