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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21—A Los Angeles advertising woman testified today that she helped Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo Jr. photocopy the top-secret Pentagon Papers at her office in Hollywood over a two-week period in late 1969.

Lynda Resnick, who said she was Russo's girl friend at the time, recalled that she and Ellsberg's teen-aged son, Robert, cut the security classification off each photocopied page. She also remembered that "Dan didn't want me to read any of the documents. Because I had no security clearance and they were not my business."

"You have to go through a lot of trouble to Xerox something and not look at it," she said.

But that was about the extent of Mrs. Resnick's specific recollection of events. She said that most other details, including some that she discussed during two appearances before a federal grand jury here in 1971, had been blurred by the passage of time.

Because she participated in her reproduction of the documents, she is listed under her previous name of Lynda Sinay as a "co-conspirator" in the indictment of the two defendants on charges of conspiracy, espionage and theft of government property.

In exchange for her grand jury appearances, the Justice Department twice granted Mrs. Resnick immunity from prosecution. She has since cooperated with chief prosecutor David R. Nissen in the preparation of his case.

Nonetheless, there seemed little doubt here today about whose side she is on.

Asked by Nissen when she first took the witness stand how she knew Ellsberg and Russo, Mrs. Resnick beamed and said of each man "He's a friend."

"When did you last talk with them?" Nissen asked.

"This morning," she replied.

One tense moment came when Nissen asked her to read the transcript of her grand jury testimony on Oct. 13, 1971, to "refresh your recollection" about whether Ellsberg had told her that the Pentagon Papers came from a top-secret vault at the Rand Corp.

"You want to know if this makes me nervous?" Mrs. Resnick asked. "I know where they were. I have a sense of knowing it. But I don't remember who told me."

The prosecutor then asked whether the grand jury transcript was an accurate record of her statements in October, 1971.

"How could I possibly remember that?" she asked Nissen with a scolding tone and an angry look. "I don't remember whether I did (make those statements to the grand jury) or not."

Mrs. Resnick's inability to remember exactly who told her what and when deprived the prosecution of much of the testimony it wanted from her. Anything she described as her "understanding" or "impression" was stricken from the trial record by U.S. District Court Judge W. Matt Byrne Jr. At one point, Nissen suggested that she had "recently suffered some reduction of memory" but Mrs. Resnick insisted she had not.

One thing she did remember was that Ellsberg, who was about to leave the Rand Corp. staff in late 1969, had "certain documents in his safe that he had authored or co-authored and wanted to take with him. So he wanted to make copies."

(Ellsberg worked on the Defense Department task force that compiled the Pentagon Papers, a history of U.S. involvement in Southeast Asia.)

Mrs. Resnick said that Ellsberg gave her "either \$150 or \$300" to reimburse her for use of the Xerox machine at her second-story advertising agency, Sinay and Associates, on Melrose Avenue in Hollywood.

As for the other people the prosecution claims were present during the photocopying, Mrs. Resnick had only these recollections:

• Kimberley Rosenberg, Ellsberg's girlfriend at the time, "came up for a moment with some apples. It was a social visit." (Miss Rosenberg was originally expected to be a witness in the case, but apparently could not be found by the prosecution.)

• Vu Van Thai, the former South Vietnamese ambassador to Washington, who is also named as a co-conspirator in the case, "met us there once to go out to dinner."

# Prosecution Witness Has Memory Lapse In Ellsberg Trial