

FBI Informant's Story of

Portland, Ore.

A onetime informant for the Portland FBI office says he was directed by his contact agents in the bureau to enter the home of a local attorney illegally in search of information on the attorney's son, a fugitive member of the Weather Underground.

Alan H. Selling, 23, told the Los Angeles Times he first went to work for the FBI to spy on the

Socialist Workers party but was channeled into the other activity after agents learned he was a distant relative of the David M. Spiegel family.

Michael Spiegel, 30, has been sought by the FBI since 1970 on various charges stemming from a Chicago riot involving the Weather Underground.

Selling said he entered the Spiegel house twice while the fami-

ly was away, using a key the family usually kept hidden in a garage refrigerator. He said he had been directed by agents to copy down names, addresses and phone numbers from letters and address books. He was specifically told, he said, not to remove anything.

Indeed, no police reports ever were made of break-ins at the Spiegel residence, and Spiegel — who indicated he has not heard from his fugitive son in years —

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said he was unable to determine whether his house was entered, "Except that the young man (Selling) says he did it ... Nothing was disturbed."

But U.S. attorney Sidney Lezak acknowledged yesterday that the Justice Department is investigating the case, and he confirmed that Selling had been an FBI informant and had supplied information on the Spiegel family.

The case first came to his attention, he said, when Selling came to his office to offer a deposition detailing his activities for the bureau.

Lezak said Selling declared he had a guilty conscience about what he had been doing and also was concerned about congressional investigations into alleged illegal FBI operations and whether he might face charges.

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