

Judge Sentences Kampiles To 40 Years in Spy Case

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HAMMOND, Ind. Dec. 22 (AP) — Former CIA employe William Kampiles, convicted of selling top-secret satellite plans to the Soviet Union, was sentenced today to 40 years in prison.

But U.S. District Court Judge Phil M. McNagy Jr. said he would consider reducing the sentence if a governmental damage assessment showed that the impact of Kampiles' act on national security was not as severe as is thought now.

"This case is a complete tragedy for a young man who has never been in trouble before," said the judge, who presided over the eight-day trial in this northwestern Indiana city last month.

On the other hand, McNagy said, "The United States has suffered a severe setback because of the sale to the Russians."

Just before the sentence was pronounced, Kampiles told McNagy,

"First of all, your honor, I'm sorry for everything that has happened. Not at any time did I want to injure my country in any way. I only wanted to serve my country."

Kampiles was convicted on espionage and theft charges for selling a technical manual on the sophisticated KH-11 satellite to a Soviet agent in Athens, Greece, last February. Federal officials said he received \$3,000 for the document, which describes the satellite's capabilities. The Indian University graduate had access to the manual when he served as a CIA watch officer from March to November 1977. He has appealed his conviction.

McNagy sentenced Kampiles to a total of 120 years on the four espionage and two theft counts, but ordered all the time to be served concurrently. That means 40 years — the maximum single sentence — is the most time he will be behind bars.