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**'Secrets' of NSA
Told by Soviets**

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — A developer has told a zoning hearing there may be more than one way to skin a supersecret government cat such as the National Security Agency.

Edward J. Cook, a Washington developer, was asked by Anne Arundel County zoning officials to substantiate a contention that more housing is needed in the area of the NSA at Fort Meade, Md.

Cook told the hearing the agency employs about 2,000 persons. The developer then was asked whether he got the figure from NSA officials.

"Oh, no," he replied. "I tried there first, but they wouldn't disclose it, so I called the Russian Embassy, and they told me."