

Ex-CIA Worker Denies Selling Satellite Data

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HAMMOND, Ind. (UPI) — A former CIA employee accused of selling top-secret papers describing an American spy satellite to a Soviet agent for \$3,000 has pleaded not guilty to federal espionage charges.

William T. Kampiles, 23, of Munster, Ind., was ordered to stand trial Oct. 30 by U.S. District Judge Phil McNagny, who told defense lawyers to put in writing a request for a reduction in the defendant's \$500,000 bond.

Kampiles was returned to jail in Chicago after the court appearance yesterday.

He was indicted on six counts of espionage and theft by a federal grand jury in Hammond last month, about a week after his arrest in Chicago on a warrant issued by the Justice Department. Two of the espionage charges carry maximum penalties of life imprisonment.

The indictment identifies the stolen intelligence information only as a document entitled "KH-11 System Technical Manual," reportedly describing the "Big Bird" photographic satellite that spies on the Soviet Union from orbit.

Kampiles allegedly delivered Section 1 of the manual to a Russian agent in Athens, Greece, last Feb. 23 "with intent and reason to believe that it was to be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation."

On March 2, the indictment charged, Kampiles turned over Sections 2 through 8 of the manual to the Soviet agent. The FBI has said he sold the documents for \$3,000.

Besides the major espionage counts, Kampiles is accused of two other espionage counts and two charges of stealing government property, each carrying maximum penalties of 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.