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—At the request of the Justice Department, a federal judge Monday night dismissed the espionage indictment against a Soviet citizen who had been employed as a translator at the United Nations Secretariat.

The accused spy, Valeriy I. Markelov, 32, had been charged in a two-count indictment with obtaining secret plans for the Grumman F-14A Navy fighter by inducing an engineer employed at the Long Island aerospace company to make photocopies of plans for the experimental plane.

On May 19, two days after the indictment was handed up, the government obtained a court order enlarging Markelov's bail limits to include the Soviet Union. The move, which came on the eve of President Nixon's trip to Moscow, was interpreted as an effort to create an amicable atmosphere for Mr. Nixon's talks with Soviet leaders.

The motion to quash the charges against Markelov was granted by Judge Mark Constantino in a secret court session. No reasons were given by the government for the motion to dismiss.