

# Former U. S. Worker Reindicted as Spy By Federal Jury

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NEW YORK, Oct. 8. (Robert) Lanas Vallecilla, 35, former foreign language translator for the Office of Co-ordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington, was charged today in a Federal grand jury indictment with espionage and conspiracy with German agents in Europe.

The two-count indictment against the Colombia-born translator superseded a previous indictment voted two months ago. Conviction on the charges are punishable by a maximum of 40 years in prison.

Lanas was accused in the new indictment with participation in a conspiracy with M. Gonzalves de Azevedo of Lisbon and agents of the German Reich from September 1, 1940—when Lanas was a student in Lisbon—until December 1, 1941.

Lanas was specifically charged with the receipt of four payments aggregating \$2,900 for services in connection with transmission to Europe of military information, including aircraft production figures. The information was written in invisible ink on the backs of apparently innocuous letters, the indictment set forth.

Lanas also was charged in the indictment with an attempt to induce a New York model to aid him in espionage activities. The plan failed, Assistant United States Attorney Richard J. Burke said.

After his arrest in August by FBI agents, Lanas was arraigned in Federal Court on the original indictment. At that time he admitted receiving approximately \$3,000 from German agents, but said the information he sent was gleaned from newspapers and magazines and was available to the public.

Lanas will be arraigned Monday in Federal Court on the new charges.