

FBI, Secret Service join probe of private arsenal

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Federal Bureau of Investigation and Secret Service agents have joined in the investigation of Victor Ostrow, 28, charged with having a cache of illegal weapons and eavesdropping equipment.

Ostrow was charged Friday with having the weapons and bugging equipment in his bedroom in his parents' apartment at 6334 N. Sheridan Rd.

The federal agents were checking Ostrow's background for possible connections with subversive organizations, said a spokesman for the state's attorney's office.

In addition to the weapons and bugging equipment, authorities found books on sabotage and arson, the spokesman said, and blown-up pictures of President Nixon and Chinese Premier Chou En-lai.

THE PICTURES and books were among 54 guns, including a .45 caliber Thompson sub-machine gun, and more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition that police reported finding in the room.

Ostrow, a former DePaul University law student who now operates a combination

gas station and food shop at 146th Street and Indiana Avenue in Riverdale, was arrested in a Dolton motel room where he also lives.

POLICE CHARGED Ostrow with state firearms violations

and with the theft of firearms. He was freed after posting \$10,000 bond.

Besides the submachine gun, police reported finding eight shotguns; 18 rifles; 27 handguns; two bayonets; and a crossbow.