

EX-PENTAGON AIDE PHONES MESSAGE

Alleged Source of Vietnam
Data Says He Is Well

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., June 18 (AP) — The Massachusetts Institute of Technology said today it had heard from Daniel Ellsberg, the former Government adviser who is alleged to have given classified documents on Vietnam to The New York Times.

A spokesman said Mr. Ellsberg, a senior research associate at the institute's Center for International Studies, had telephoned to say that he and his wife were well and that there was no need for concern over their disappearance.

Mr. Ellsberg was last seen lunching at the M.I.T. Faculty Club on Wednesday, the day on which reports linking him to the documents began circulating.

Robert Byers, head of the M.I.T. news office, said that Mr. Ellsberg, had made the call today to an institute employee and that there was no way of knowing where he was at the time.

Mr. Byers said M.I.T. would not reveal the name of the employe who had received the call. He identified him only as a clerical worker, who was formerly employed at the Center For International Studies.

Mr. Ellsberg did not say whether he had given the documents to The Times, Mr. Byers added.

Mr. Byers said Mr. Ellsberg had told the employe to take the message to Dr. Everett E. Hagen, the head of the center, that he and his wife were well and in good health and that there was no need for concern over them.

Mr. Ellsberg informed the employe, Mr. Byers said, that anyone waiting to know his views on Vietnam should refer to reprints of his numerous articles on the subject.

Mr. Byers said Mr. Ellsberg had asked the school to make reprints of those articles available to anyone who wanted them. He said also that Mr. Ellsberg had suggested that some copies of the articles be given to one of his neighbors to distribute to persons, mainly newsmen, who have been to his Cambridge home looking for him. The neighbor was not identified.

Writing on Indochina

Until his recent disappearance, Mr. Ellsberg lived in an apartment in a large, white-shingled private house on a quiet street half a block from the Harvard campus.

At M.I.T., Mr. Ellsberg was at work on a book about the process of American decision-making in Indochina during the last 25 years.

The expertise he brought to this task was derived from six years of close involvement in policy-making, both in and out

of the Government. During that period, Mr. Ellsberg, who is said by friends to be about 42 years old, is described as having swung from a fairly hawkish stance to a highly dovish one.

Friends indicated that the alteration in his attitude was, in part, influenced by his wife, the former Patricia Marx, daughter of Louis Marx, a wealthy New York toy manufacturer. Mr. Ellsberg and Miss Marx were married in North Salem, N. Y., last Aug. 8.

In a letter published in The New York Times last Nov. 30, Mr. Ellsberg charged that "Nixon's clearly announced and demonstrated strategy entails not only prolonging but vastly expanding this immoral, illegal and unconstitutional war."

He concluded the letter by writing, "To refuse any longer, wishfully, to believe that Nixon really means what he says and does, or to fail to resist his policy, is to become an accomplice."

Return From Vietnam

According to a friend, Mr. Ellsberg came to a fully dovish position on Indochina after returning from Vietnam in June, 1967 and rejoining the Rand Corporation, a "think tank" in Santa Monica, Calif., that performs considerable research for the Defense Department. In his second stint at Rand, where he had worked previously as a strategic analyst, Mr. Ellsberg did research on United States decision-making in Vietnam.

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