

Six Weeks For Defense Of Ellsberg

Los Angeles

The defense at the Pentagon papers trial said yesterday it would take six weeks to present its case for Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony J. Russo.

U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne inquired of the attorneys for both sides how much more time would be required in the trial and the prosecutor said he hoped to wind up his evidence next week.

The defense is expected to call both Ellsberg and Russo to testify plus a long list of other witnesses. and attorney Leonard Boudin said it would require six weeks.

A government witness testified at the trial yesterday that only five persons at the Rand Corp. had access to the secret study of the Vietnam war and no one else even knew they were in the Santa Monica "Think tank."

Richard Moorsteen, who was working as a consultant at Rand along with Ellsberg and who had written four volumes of the documents, said the papers were available only to himself, Ellsberg, another researcher, a top security officer and the president of Rand.

Moorsteen acknowledged that he violated the Rand security code himself when he borrowed copies of Ellsberg's set of the papers without notifying the control office but he said he considered it "minor" since both men were authorized to have full access.

In cross examination, defense lawyers attempted to show that the papers were handled in an unusual, private way in Rand, different

from other highly classified official government documents.

One of the charges against Ellsberg and Russo is theft of government property.