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# 2 COAST MEN ACCUSED OF SOVIET SPY PLOT

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F.B.I. Says They Conspired to Pass  
Military Secrets to Russians

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16—The Federal Bureau of Investigation announced tonight the arrest of a California man for allegedly passing military secrets through a colleague to a Soviet diplomat in Mexico City and to agents of the Soviet Union in Vienna.

The bureau said that Christopher J. Boyce, 23 years old, of Rancho Palos Verdes, Calif., was arrested at his home today and that his partner, Andrew D. Lee, 25, of Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., has been in the custody of Mexican officials since Jan. 6.

The bureau's statement, released in Washington, said that Mr. Boyce, who had "top secret" security clearance from TRW Inc., in Redondo Beach, Calif., had passed classified information from the military contractor to Mr. Lee, who in turn sold it to Soviet agents on a number of occasions, starting in June 1975 and apparently continuing until Mr. Lee's arrest in Mexico City.

"Boyce and Lee were charged with conspiring with Boris A. Grishin, a science attaché to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City to communicate, deliver and transmit to the Government of the U.S.S.R. information relating to the defense of the United States," the bureau said.

The bureau said that the men were charged under the espionage act.

Mr. Lee got at least \$17,500 for the

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information, the statement said. If convicted, the two could be sentenced for an indeterminate length of time or be executed.

The bureau said that Mr. Boyce would be taken before a Federal magistrate in Los Angeles tomorrow and that Mr. Lee would probably be returned soon to the United States.

"The complaint [filed in Los Angeles Saturday] specifically charged Lee and Boyce with agreeing that Boyce would obtain information from TRW and would furnish it to Lee, who would then establish a contact in the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City for the purpose of fur-

nishing the information to the U.S.S.R. in exchange for sums of money," the bureau said.

The statement said that Mr. Boyce gave Mr. Lee "top secret" documents in June 1975 and that Mr. Lee gave them to the Soviet Embassy in Mexico City for \$500.

Mr. Lee was given a pseudonym by Mr. Grishin at that time, the bureau said, and at a meeting in September 1975, Mr. Lee was allegedly given another \$2,000.

"Another meeting was arranged for November 1975 in Vienna at which time the Soviets gave Lee a list of items which they desired from Boyce, including data on rocket construction," the statement said. "At this meeting Lee was paid \$1,500 for expenses."

The bureau also said that Mr. Lee met in Mexico City with Mr. Grishin four times in 1976. "At one meeting he was paid \$3,500 and at two of the other meetings he was paid a total of \$10,000," the bureau said.

"In November of 1976, Lee met with Boyce in a Los Angeles motel where

documents in the possession of Boyce were photographed and later developed by Lee in his own home. The documents were reported to be passed to the Soviets in January of 1977," the bureau said.

Mr. Boyce is a student at the University of California at Riverside and Mr. Lee is an unemployed cabinet maker, the bureau said.

### A Recent Arrest in Jersey

Another suspected spy, Ivan N. Rogalsky, a 34-year-old Soviet immigrant, was arrested two weeks ago last Friday in Lakewood, N.J. He was seized by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation shortly after he had received a classified document concerning satellite communications from an engineer at the RCA Space Center in Princeton who was cooperating with the F.B.I.

Mr. Rogalsky was charged with conspiring to obtain classified material from the space center for eventual passage to a co-conspirator, identified as Yevgeniy Petrovich Karpov, a 38-year-old ranking

official assigned to the Soviet Mission to the United Nations in New York. Mr. Karpov was named as a co-conspirator, but not as a defendant, in a complaint filed in United States District Court in Newark.