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India Trial Nears For 2 Americans

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Francisco, face up to 14 years imprisonment if found guilty of violating the Official Secrets Act.

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Washington

A case involving two young Americans held in an Indian jail on spy charges for 14 months is moving toward trial, the State Department said yesterday.

Anthony A. Fletcher, 30, and Richard W. Harcos, 27, were reported by defense lawyers to be on a hunger strike in a Calcutta prison on charges of violating India's Official Secrets Act.

The two were arrested April 26, 1973. Police apprehended Harcos wearing a black rubber diving suit and carrying scuba diving equipment on the King George Dock, a restricted area on the Hooghly river.

Fletcher was arrested shortly afterward in a hotel room together with more diving equipment.

The two men, identified as former taxi drivers in San

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