

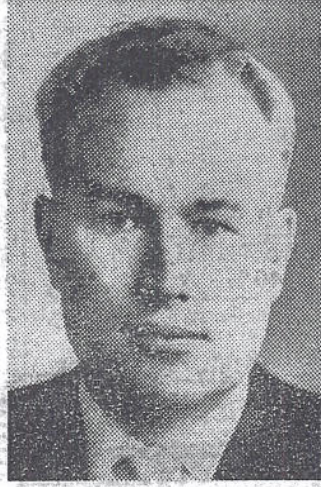
Named in Indictment as Conspirators in Espionage



William H. Whalen, retired Army Lieutenant Colonel arrested as a Soviet spy.



Col. Sergei Edemski, former Soviet military attache, was accused by the F.B.I.



Mikhail A. Shumaev, former Soviet embassy official. Russians have left U.S.

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Retired Pentagon Officer Is Seized as Spy for Soviet

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WASHINGTON, July 12—A retired Army lieutenant colonel was arrested by Federal agents today on charges of conspiring to commit espionage for the Soviet Union while serving at the Pentagon in a staff position with the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

William Henry Whalen, 51 years old, a resident of nearby Alexandria, Va., was picked up by agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on an indictment that accused him of conspiring with two Russian Embassy employes to pass high level defense information to the Soviet Government.

The Russians, identified in the indictment as Col. Sergei Edemski and Mikhail A. Shumaev, were named as co-conspirators but not defendants. Both have left the country.

According to the indictment, from December, 1959, to March, 1961, Colonel Whalen was paid \$5,500 in five monthly installments of \$1,000 and received one payment of \$500. It did not say whether the Russians actually received any information from him.

However, the conspirators were said to have conspired to supply to the Russians data on a wide range of sensitive subjects. The indictment listed the following:

"Information pertaining to atomic weaponry, missiles, military plans for the defense of Europe; estimates of comparative military capabilities, military intelligence reports and

analyses, information concerning the retaliation plans by the United States Strategic Air Command and information pertaining to troop movements."

In legal terminology, the indictment gave the following account of meetings between the officer and his Russian contacts:

In December, 1959, Colonel Whalen met Colonel Edemski, then the assistant Soviet military attaché, at a shopping center in Alexandria. Later that month he met Colonel Edemski again. This time Mr. Shumaev, who was given the code name Mike, came along, with the first payment of \$1,000. Mr. Shumaev was first secretary of the Soviet Embassy.

Over the next year and a half, the American officer met Mike at shopping centers in Alexandria, exchanging information for payments of money. His method was to note down classified information that came his way in the Pentagon and to encourage other officers to tell him about their activities.

Colonel Edemski returned to Russia in 1960. In 1961 Colonel Whalen was retired on physical disability, but he agreed with Mike to attempt to find civilian employment with the Defense Department that would give him access to military secrets. He was unsuccessful in this.

The conspiracy ended early in 1963, about the time that Mr. Shumaev returned to the Soviet Union.

Although the indictment speaks in terms of the conspirators' intent, it does not say how much information Colonel Whalen was able to pass along. His position on the staff of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the nation's top military planning group, suggests that he would have had access to important data.

He had been assigned to the Army Intelligence Branch in Washington from July, 1955, until he moved to the Joint Chiefs position. Previously he had served in the European Theater of Operations from May, 1945, until December, 1947, and in Japan from 1952 to 1955.

The indictment was handed down at Newport News, Va. The espionage charge could bring the death penalty, if he is convicted.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, announced tonight that Colonel Whalen had been arrested at his home in Alexandria.

Colonel Whalen, a pudgy-faced man with close-cropped dark hair, was arraigned before United States Commissioner Alex Akerman Jr. in Alexandria shortly after his arrest.

Colonel Whalen, who is said to suffer from a severe heart condition, later was released on bond of \$15,000, which had been set by a Federal judge in Newport News.