

Ellsberg Still In Hiding

Boston

Daniel Ellsberg was in hiding yesterday while federal officials conducted what one of his lawyers described as a "macabre manhunt" for the former Pentagon official.

Leonard B. Boudin, a visiting professor at Harvard Law school, said plans still call for Ellsberg to surrender himself to U.S. Attorney Herbert Travers in Boston today in the federal building to face charges of illegally possessing and failing to return documents from a top secret study of the Vietnam war.

Ellsberg, 40, a senior research associate at the Center for International Studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been mentioned as the possible source who leaked copies of the 47-volume work on U.S.

decision making in Indochina to the news media.

Boudin, representing Ellsberg along with Harvard Law professor Charles R. Nesson, expressed confidence Ellsberg would be able to evade authorities searching for him. He said the justice department is acting in a "very unlawyer-like manner" by pressing the search for Ellsberg despite his intention to surrender.

"I really think the whole damn thing is scandalous," Boudin said. "We made a very plain lawyer-like proposal to produce Dr. Ellsberg tomorrow at 10 a.m. and instead they're engaged in this M a c a b r e manhunt whose only purpose is to create hysteria."

Boudin declined to give any hint as to Ellsberg's whereabouts.

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