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'Pentagon Papers' Is Selling Quickly Publisher Reports

More than a million copies of the paperback edition of "The Pentagon Papers" are in print, according to Bantam Books, the publisher.

A spokesman for Bantam said that the initial sales reports indicated that it would be the fastest-selling paperback title. The book has not yet been fully distributed, the spokesman said, adding that he expected a million-copy sale.

The 500,000-copy first printing is believed to be sold out and orders have required the printing of 1.1 million. The 677-page book, a reprint of the series that appeared in The New York Times, was published July 8 and costs \$2.25.

Many cities have not yet received copies, the spokesman said. In others, he added, initial shipments have been sold out. The distributor in Washington, D. C., received 37,000 copies last Friday and was sold out by Monday. The first shipment to London, 4,000 copies, is also said to be sold out.

Orders have been received from the United States Information Agency, which asked for 250 copies, and from the three bookstores in the Pentagon, which asked for 1,000 copies. The book is to be sold in post exchanges at United States military installations in Europe.