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## ELLSBERG INQUIRY PRESSED IN BOSTON

U.S. Grand Jury Expected  
to Return Indictments

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BOSTON, Oct. 13—A Federal grand jury here investigating how the Pentagon papers reached the press was reported today to be moving closer to returning indictments.

The main targets, according to sources close to the investigation, are Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, who has said that he gave the Pentagon study of the Vietnam war to the press, and Neil Sheehan, whose investigative reporting led to the publication of a series of articles on the study in The New York Times.

The Times has refused to discuss the source of its material.

Witnesses who have been questioned by the grand jury have been shown pictures of Mr. Sheehan and his wife, Susan, and asked if they had ever seen either of them in the Boston area.

Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation have also questioned a number of persons in Cambridge on whether Mr. Sheehan occupied an apartment there earlier this year.

### Boston Transfer Suspected

The grand jury here is investigating the lost because the government believes the transmission of the papers to the press took place in the Boston area.

Dr. Ellsberg, who lives in Cambridge, is a senior research associate at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The grand jury here is seeking to determine possible violation of five statutes of the United States Criminal Code. Two involved "retention of public property or records with intent to convert" to private use and "gathering and transmitting national defense information" without authorization. Penalties are up to 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines.

Two other statutes carry penalties of up to five years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines. One is known as the general statute that prohibits conspiring to violate any United States law. The second involves possession of stolen property transmitted across state lines.

The fifth prohibits "concealment or removal" of public records and carries penalties of up to three years in prison and up to \$2,000 in fines.

### Indicted in Los Angeles

Dr. Ellsberg was indicted by a Los Angeles grand jury in June on charges of unauthorized conversion of classified Government documents and is free on \$50,000 bail. Dr. Ellsberg lived in Los Angeles while working as a consultant to the Rand Corporation, a government supported research company that had a copy of the Pentagon study.

While no indictments have been returned, sources said that recent actions by the Government make it clear that indictments are being sent out.

One of these was the replacement of Paul C. Vincent of the Internal Security Division of the Justice Department, as the Government attorney in the case. He is now in charge of both the Boston and Los Angeles investigations.

Warren Reese, also from the United States Attorney's Office in Los Angeles, is assisting Mr. Nissen and is now in Boston.