

RUSSO BALKS AGAIN ON PENTAGON DATA

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LOS ANGELES, Oct. 18—Anthony J. Russo refused again today to testify before a Federal grand jury investigating the Pentagon Papers after the Justice Department objected to giving him a transcript of his testimony.

Mr. Russo, a former colleague of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg at the Rand Corporation, was imprisoned for six weeks in August for refusing to answer questions before the grand jury. He agreed to testify earlier this

month after a Federal judge agreed to his request that a transcript be made of his testimony and that he be allowed to make it public.

That decision, by Judge Warren Ferguson, was apparently without precedent. And today, when Mr. Russo appeared to testify, Justice Department lawyers objected to giving Mr. Russo a transcript and asked Judge Ferguson to reconsider his ruling.

An Assistant United States Attorney, David Nissen, contended that making such a transcript public would have a "devastating" effect on the Government's case.