

# CIA Aide Testifies For Ellsberg

## Los Angeles

A Central Intelligence Agency analyst told jurors at the Pentagon papers trial yesterday he believes the government tried to stop him from testifying in defense of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo.

A Heated legal dispute about that testimony delayed the start of scheduled testimony by former presidential adviser McGeorge Bundy.

The accusations made by CIA analyst Samuel A. Adams raised issues which attorneys said may prolong his testimony through much of today's session, delaying Bundy's appearance until late today or early next week.

Earlier in the day, the prosecutor sought to portray Adams as a constant complainer.

Assistant U.S. Attorney David Nissen showed that Adams had repeatedly tried to tell his superiors that military officials had purposely underestimated the strength of the enemy in Vietnam.

Adams said he felt the troop figures were being downgraded drastically as early as in 1966 "to give the impression, I believe, that the light was at the end of the tunnel."

The witness said he felt the CIA was aware of the accusations he was making but ignored them. He said he thought the CIA director was tired of fighting the military on the estimates of how many troops the North Vietnamese had available.

Earlier, Adams testified that the North Vietnamese didn't need data in the Pentagon papers because their 'excellent' spy network had provided it long before 1969 when Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony Russo copied the papers.