

# CIA Agent in Ellsberg Trial May Lose Job

## Washington

CIA agent Samuel A. Adams, who testified at the pentagon papers trial that the military had been pressured to juggle figures on the size of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces, may lose his job.

Adams, 39, called a reporter during the weekend and said he had been told just after his courtroom appearance that he had been declared "excess" on the CIA payroll.

He said he received no formal notice and later wrote the deputy director of intelligence saying he would assume his dismissal was final if he did not hear otherwise within 24 hours.

"I need wait no longer," he said. The deadline passed last week.

CIA officials yesterday however, said that Adams "is still an employee." But they acknowledged that a 10 per cent cut in the CIA staff is still underway.

"There are a lot of folders to be looked through," one official said, acknowledging that Adams still could be caught in the cutback.

Three weeks ago Adams told the Los Angeles trial of Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony J. Russo Jr., that the military had been pressured to change intelligence figures to indicate the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong were weaker than the evidence showed.

He indicated that the release of some of the highly classified documents in the Pentagon papers could not have harmed national security because they contained false information.

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