

Soviets Here Got 'Papers' in '71

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According to Nixon administration sources, the Papers were delivered to the embassy on 16th Street NW on June 16, 1971, the day after U.S. District Court Judge Murray I. Gurfein, in New York, issued a temporary restraining order against The New York Times.

The man who delivered the documents, apparently alone at the time, included a letter, signed with an alias, stating his reasons for passing the Pentagon Papers on to the Soviet government, the sources said.

He has been sought for almost two years, they added, but still has not been even tentatively identified. The alias with which he signed the letter apparently could not be traced.

For reasons that were not immediately clear, the matter of Soviet possession of the documents was never brought to the attention of the federal courts - publicly or privately - during the civil suits against the newspapers or the criminal proceedings against Ellsberg and Russo.

See separate note, filed Memos.