

Ellsberg Tells of His Conversion

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Daniel Ellsberg, the hawk-turned-dove who made the Pentagon Papers public early in 1971, credited the War Resisters League yesterday with having converted him to pacifism two years earlier.

Appearing at a press conference called by the League at the First Unitarian Church to herald the organization's forthcoming conference at Asilomar, Ellsberg said the League's message "spoke to him" in August of 1969 and a month later he began copying the Pentagon Papers "to share with Senator Fulbright and the New York Times."

Ellsberg offered some comment on the newly-released CIA psychological profile of him compiled on order of the White House.

The Agency's psychological assessment concluded Ellsberg was motivated by "what he deemed a higher order of patriotism" in turning over the Pentagon papers to the press.

The profile described Ellsberg as a brilliant and highly motivated man who saw "himself as having a special mission, and, indeed, as bearing a special responsibility" regarding the war.

The profile, incidentally, was rejected by the White House and a second was also turned back.

"The portrait," Ellsberg said yesterday, "was written by someone who doesn't know me. But I think it gives me a clean bill of health and proves that back in 1971 one didn't have to be crazy to resist this (Vietnam) war."

He added that the White House special investigating team's rejection of the per-

sonality profile left "no doubt its purpose was to smear me."

Although Ellsberg acknowledged he is not a member of the War Resisters League, he said he will continue to ally himself with the League's activities and will attend the national conference that opens tomorrow and runs through Tuesday morning.

Fortunately for Ellsberg there is a break in the Watergate hearings until Monday. He said he begins his own coverage of the televised hearings at 6:30 a.m. and then picks them up again at night.

"I am," he said, "becoming bleary eyed."