

# Scholar Seeks to Limit Pentagon Papers Queries

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BOSTON, Nov. 16—A Harvard professor facing jail for contempt stipulated in Federal Court today that he would answer grand jury questions on the release of the Pentagon papers under the assumption that they would deal only with conversations with his fellow scholars.

In agreeing to testify, Samuel L. Popkin contended that the Federal Government had said it was not asking him to name sensitive confidential sources.

The Supreme Court last week refused to stay the sentence of Mr. Popkin, an expert in Vietnamese village life. He had sought time to appeal his contention, rejected by lower courts, that questions about his knowledge of the secret war study were irrelevant and jeopardized confidential relation-

ships with his sources of information.

It is not known if the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit will accept Mr. Popkin's stipulation.

Mr. Popkin had refused to answer grand jury questions dealing with the identities of persons who told him who had participated in writing the war history before its general dissemination last year. He also refused to say whether he had discussed the contents or existence of the study with Daniel Ellsberg, the man accused of stealing the documents.

The grand jury has not met for many months. If it reconvenes, and the stipulation is accepted, Mr. Popkin will presumably name fellow scholars, if they are among his sources, but not others in Government or in Vietnam. As for the question about Mr. Ellsberg, who has served as both a Pentagon official and a scholar,

Popkin's lawyer, Daniel Klubock, said it would depend on whether Mr. Popkin considered him a scholar or a sensitive source.

## Trial Date to Be Set

Los Angeles, Nov. 16 (UPI) — Attorneys will meet Tuesday to fix a starting date for the trial of Daniel Ellsberg for the theft of the Pentagon Papers, United States District Judge Matt Byrne said today.

A jury was picked and sworn last July, but the trial was delayed by a defense appeal to the United States Supreme Court over Government wiretapping. The high court earlier this week declined to hear the appeal.