

Grand Jury Questions Another Friend of Ellsberg

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LOS ANGELES, June 24—A Federal grand jury that is investigating the disclosure of a secret Pentagon study on Vietnam focused today on the activities of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg.

Dr. Ellsberg, a former Defense Department aide who is now a senior research associate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has refused to discuss his part in the case. He has been reported to be the source of the documents The New York Times drew on for its Vietnam series.

The grand jury, which apparently started gathering evidence yesterday, heard today from Lynda Sinay, a freelance advertising agent who describes herself as a close friend of Dr. Ellsberg.

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Miss Sinay, of Los Angeles, is also a friend of Anthony J. Russo, an economist and engineer who refused to answer grand jury questions yesterday. Mr. Russo and Dr. Ellsberg formerly worked for the Rand Corporation, a research organization in Santa Monica that does work for the Defense Department.

During her appearance this morning, Miss Sinay was re-

portedly asked whether she had ever seen Dr. Ellsberg making photocopies of certain documents. She was said to have answered that while she did see him use a photocopying machine, she could not identify the document he was copying.

It was reported later that Miss Sinay rented a Xerox machine from December, 1969, to May, 1970, while conducting business here in Los Angeles as Sinay, Longino Advertising. A bankruptcy petition she filed last year indicated that she owed almost \$700 for the use of the machine. Miss Sinay listed her total debts at the time as \$93,179.79 and her as-

Miss Sinay was also reportedly asked whether she had ever heard Dr. Ellsberg criticize the Vietnam war. Dr. Ellsberg, who once worked for the American mission in Vietnam, has frequently made statements critical of the war in public during the last two years.

Granted Immunity

The questioning was directed by Paul Vincent, a staff attorney in the Internal Security Division of the Justice Department, who came here from Washington to handle the case.

Miss Sinay first invoked the Fifth Amendment in an appear-

ance before the jury yesterday but was then granted immunity by District Judge William P. Gray. She then could either testify or face a possible contempt charge.

She apparently agreed to testify because she did not believe her testimony would harm Dr. Ellsberg. "Her testimony will be truthful but insignificant," said Luke McKissack, Miss Sinay's attorney.

After her grand jury testimony today, Miss Sinay said she met Dr. Ellsberg about two years ago.

Russo to Appear

She apparently met Dr. Ellsberg through Mr. Russo, who was also granted immunity yesterday but still refused to testify. Mr. Russo is scheduled to appear before Judge Gray tomorrow.

The identity of other possible witnesses was not disclosed today.

The grand jury is apparently hearing the case in Los Angeles because of the proximity of the Rand Corporation. Dr. Ellsberg worked until last summer at Rand. The corporation received two of the 15 copies originally made of the 47-volume Pentagon study.

Rand officials said they were "cooperating with authorities" in the investigation.

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