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**Ellsberg Case Is a  
Week From Jury**

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The defense rested in the Pentagon papers trial yesterday, but the government immediately began presenting rebuttal witnesses. The case now seems to be about a week from going to the 4 jury.

A total of 27 witnesses testified for Daniel Ellsberg and Anthony J. Russo in an attempt to win acquittal of espionage - conspiracy - theft charges in their admitted copying of secret documents about U.S. involvement in the Vietnam war.

The first rebuttal witness was retired Rear Admiral Lloyd R. Vasey, former Navy operations planner. He

testified that release of the Pentagon Papers could have harmed the U.S. national interest because they revealed basic aspects of American reaction to certain situations.

The 42 year - old Ellsberg appeared assured and relieved as the defense presentation in the case, which began January 3, came to a close. He repeated his statement that he "liked" the jurors and would "abide by their decision."

The final defense witness was Richard Falk, a professor of international law at Princeton University. Falk was called to testify about possible American "war crimes" in Vietnam as dis-

closed in the Pentagon Papers.

The prosecution objected that such opinions were "immaterial" and the objection was sustained by U.S. District Judge Matt Byrne.

Falk spent 30 minutes giving his background and then was excused without answering a single question of substance.

Ellsberg had told the jury in his last minutes on the witness stand Wednesday that he thought the volumes may have shown that U.S. leaders committed war crimes comparable to those for which German leaders were tried at Nuremberg after World War II.

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