

Suspect Charged in Ellsberg Home Theft

Kevin Patrick Quinn, 21, was arraigned in Marin county Municipal Court yesterday on a charge of burglarizing the Mill Valley home of Daniel Ellsberg.

Ellsberg, key figure in the Pentagon Papers Case, is contending that documents taken in the burglary and later recovered by police belong to him even though some may be stamped classified or top secret. The theft occurred October 1 but was revealed only last week.

The documents are now in the possession of Mill Valley police chief William Walsh.

U.S. Attorney James Browning and Benjamin Dreyfus, attorney for Ellsberg, are expected to meet

today to discuss whether federal agents may inspect the documents.

Browning has said the government has no interest in Ellsberg's private papers but if any of the documents are classified "our intention is to keep them and not return them to Mr. Ellsberg."

Ellsberg reported that the burglar left an extortion note warning him to "negotiate properly" for return of the four attache cases filled with documents.

Quinn, who was arrested December 4 in connection with another burglary, was found to be wearing Ellsberg's missing after-ski boots.