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Defense Claim in Chicago 7 Case

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A defense lawyer for the so-called Chicago Seven said yesterday the Pentagon has acknowledged military intelligence personnel took part in surveillance of the defendants and their associates during the stormy 1969 riot-conspiracy trial.

Leonard I. Weinglass, who with another lawyer and five of the defendants is being tried for contempt during the original trial, said he learned of the Pentagon statement in a telephone call from an associate in Washington.

Weinglass said that after it learns details of the Pentagon statement, the defense may file motions seeking a court order to compel the military to turn over to the defense all information gathered during the surveillance.

A former Army intelligence agent, Sergeant John M. O'Brien, testified Monday that he and other members of the 113th Military Intelligence Unit formerly

based in suburban Evanston, Ill., spied on the defendants, their lawyers, their offices and their associates during the trial.

O'Brien is scheduled to testify again tomorrow.

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