

# Ex-CIA Agent Arrested in Spying Case

Washington

The FBI arrested a retired Central Intelligence Agency employee on espionage-related charges yesterday after an investigation of what it said were anonymous notes proposing to sell classified U.S. information to Soviet agents.

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said Edwin G. Moore, 56, was arrested near his home in suburban Bethesda, Md., in mid-afternoon. The FBI announcement said Moore was attempting to pick up a package, which he believed contained U.S. currency.

Around 11 p.m. Tuesday, a Soviet government employee had found a plastic-wrapped manila envelope in the parking lot outside an apartment building here that houses Soviet embassy employees.

Suspecting that the half-inch thick package might be a bomb, the Soviet handed it to Lieutenant Charles Perkins, of the Executive Protective Service, who was stationed outside the fence surround-

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ing the building. When the bomb squad opened the package it was found to contain classified U.S. government documents and two unsigned notes that offered more documents in exchange for \$200,000 cash.

Following the instructions given in the notes for payment of the money, the FBI assembled a package that had the appearance of a bundle of bills and dropped it at the spot indicated.

About 50 agents were used to stake out the location and to cover all routes leading in and out of the area.

FBI agents then watched Moore raking leaves on the lawn outside his house, according to an FBI affidavit. Moore passed the dropped bundle five times before picking it up. When he finally picked it up at 3:24 p.m., FBI agents arrested him.

FBI spokesman Homer Boynton said Moore was charged under espionage laws and was arraigned last night before a federal magistrate in Silver Spring, Md.

Moore was charged with unauthorized possession of national defense documents, theft of government property and gathering or delivering defense information to aid a foreign agent.

Bond was set at \$150,000 by U.S. Magistrate F. Archie Meatyard Jr. in Bethesda. A preliminary hearing was set for December 30.

Boynton said some of the documents were classified "secret," but he declined to give any other details of what they were.

He said the envelope contained an unsigned note indicating the contents were samples of the type of information which could be



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**EDWIN G. MOORE**  
After his arraignment

furnished to the Soviets in exchange for \$200,000. He said another note contained instructions for the clandestine payment of the money.

Moore retired in the summer of 1973 from the CIA, where his job had "something to do with logistics," the FBI spokesman said.

He said the notes in the envelope found by the Soviets were addressed to "the Soviet Resident" in Washington.

"In Soviet intelligence nomenclature, the senior intelligence official is known as the resident," Boynton said.

Boynton said he was not aware that any other persons were involved and did not know whether Moore had been in contact with Soviet officials previously.

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