

Arrested CIA Aide's Papers Are Seized

Washington

Boxes of material, including documents relating to the workings of the Central Intelligence Agency, were seized early yesterday morning from the home of a former CIA employee accused of trying to sell secrets to the Soviet Government.

The material was taken by several dozen FBI agents after a six-hour search of Edwin Moore II's \$120,000 Bethesda, Md., home, according to FBI sources.

FBI agents, who say they are familiar with previous attempts at selling U.S. documents to foreign governments, are now examining the seized material, according to agency sources.

Two typewritten notes that accompanies the original sales offer indicated that the Soviets could purchase classified documents — including the names and locations of CIA agents, informers and safe-houses — for \$200,000, according to an affidavit filed yesterday in the U.S. District Court in Baltimore.

However, the FBI has not yet determined if the material taken from Moore, who retired from the CIA in 1973 after 22 years of service, contained the material offered in the notes.

Moore, 56, was arrested Wednesday afternoon after he allegedly tried to pick up a package left by the FBI in response to the espionage offer. He is currently being held under a \$150,000 surety bond in the Montgomery county (Md.) detention center.

His wife, Maribelle R. Moore, his attorneys and children have all refused comment. *Washington Post*
