

Ex-CIA Man Guilty Of Spying Charges

Baltimore

A federal jury convicted former Central Intelligence Agency employee Edwin G. Moore II yesterday of stealing secret documents and trying to sell them to the Soviet Union.

The jury of nine women and three men found Moore, 56, of Bethesda, Md., guilty on two counts of espionage and three counts of unlawfully possessing secret government documents.

Jurors received the case late Wednesday and deliberated for four hours before U.S. District Judge Frank A. Kaufman excused them for the evening.

Moore sat quietly as guilty findings on all five counts were read. Kaufman delayed sentencing.

Moore was arrested last December after a package containing photocopies of a CIA telephone directory was found on the grounds of a Soviet residence in Washington. A Soviet

employee, fearing the package contained a bomb, notified the authorities.

Testifying in his own defense, Moore said he had acted under orders from a CIA operative he identified only as "Joe," who he said recruited him for the assignment at his family's North Carolina home last summer.

The government said the evidence clearly showed Moore to be a disgruntled agency employee who was caught trying to sell the Russians stolen material and who concocted a story afterward to protect himself.

The defense introduced psychiatric testimony portraying Moore as a paranoid psychotic, but the jury refused to acquit him on that ground.

Moore faces a maximum sentence of life in prison on the espionage conviction and ten years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on the other counts.

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