

Admiral Says Spy Story Phony

Washington

Admiral Robert O. Welander yesterday accused Navy Yeoman Charles E. Radford of inventing his Pentagon spy ring charges. He said John D. Ehrlichman had put those charges into a false confession which he refused to sign.

Welander's testimony at a closed Senate Armed Services Committee hearing led some senators to call for immediate public investigation of the so-called Pentagon

spy ring.

Senator Harold Hughes (Dem-Iowa) said that either Welander or Radford must have committed perjury because their stories differ so sharply. Hughes and Senator Stuart Symington (Dem-Mo.), said they will ask for testimony from Ehrlichman.

In testimony Wednesday, Radford said Welander and the late Admiral Rembrandt C. Robinson told him to steal secret White House diplomatic documents for the

Pentagon in 1970 and 1971.

Welander admitted he had twice passed secret material from Radford to Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, the chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, under what he thought were justifiable circumstances.

But he denied he ran any deliberate spy ring and said Radford had invented that story to divert attention from himself when Welander initiated an investigation to find out who had leaked

documents to columnist Jack Anderson.

In prepared testimony released to newsmen, Welander said he suspected Radford was Anderson's source and told Ehrlichman, then President Nixon's second-ranking adviser.

Ehrlichman began an investigation but, according to Welander, Radford apparently persuaded him there was a much bigger spy ring involved and Welander ran it.

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ADMIRAL WELANDER
False confession