

# 'Spy' admiral told after lie test: Confess

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WASHINGTON — Senate testimony released yesterday disclosed that a Navy admiral and his aide, were given lie detector tests in a 1971 investigation of leaks of secret documents.

Rear Adm. Robert O. Welander said he was not told the results of his test but then presidential assistant John Ehrlichman later asked him to sign a confession of "political spying in the White House."

Yeoman 1.C. Charles E. Radford said he was told that his test showed he was lying and "I broke down and wept."

Both men denied guilt in testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee in closed-door hearings Feb. 20-21.

Although portions of their statements had been disclosed earlier, the transcript was made public yesterday by Chairman John C. Stennis, D-Miss.

Radford, who was a assistant to Welander and his predecessor, Adm. Rembrandt C. Robinson, in the White House liaison unit, admits having purloined documents from Henry A. Kissinger, Alexander M. Haig and other White House officials which were ul-

mately turned over to Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, the then chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Radford also was accused of leaking top secret White House papers on the 1971 Indian-Pakistan conflict to columnist Jack Anderson, but he denied it.

The testimony released yesterday showed that Welander tried to shut off a 1971 investigation of those leaks when the inquiry turned from Anderson to his own activities.

Welander's version contradicted some previous testimony in which Moorer said he paid little attention to the stolen documents which passed across his desk routinely because they contained no new information.

Welander said he showed Moorer what he considered a troublesome over-optimistic assessment of security in Vietnam by a staffer of Kissinger's National Security Council, Robert Sanson, and told him it was something Radford brought back from the trip with Dr. Kissinger.

Welander since has been promoted to assistant deputy chief of naval operations for plans and policy. Radford has been transferred to Saigon, Ore.