

Army Spy Sentenced To 15 Years

Alexandra, Va.

Leutenant Colonel William H. Whalen, a former Pentagon intelligence aide who pleaded guilty of conspiring to obtain defense secrets for Russia, was sentenced to prison for 15 years yesterday.

Declaring that the 51-year-old retired Army officer had been motivated solely by "lust for money," Federal court Judge Oren R. Lewis handed down the maximum prison term permitted by law.

The judge ignored pleas for mercy made by Whalen's attorneys who pictured the one-time intelligence expert as a chronic alcoholic trapped into a Russian spy network because he thought Russian agents were his "friends."

In December, Whalen pleaded guilty of scheming with two Russian embassy officials from 1959 to 1963 to obtain classified Pentagon documents for which he allegedly received \$5500 from the Russians. He entered the plea after the Government dropped an espionage conspiracy charge against him, which carried a possible death sentence.

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