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Defense secrets

Study makes suggestions for U.S. protection

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a study that included a talk with Soviet double-defector Vasily Yurchenko, a Pentagon commission said Thursday that protection of defense secrets "falls short" and recommended expanded use of lie-detector tests for military personnel and civilian contractors.

Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger immediately moved on one of the panel's recommendations, ordering a "one-time, top-to-bottom security inspection" throughout the Defense Department to see that security policies are being observed and enforced.

The commission's study, triggered by revelations of the Walker

family spy ring, recommended an array of measures to tighten controls on classified information. "Increased priority must be accorded (defense) security efforts," it said.

"While no system of security can provide foolproof protection against espionage, it can make espionage more difficult to undertake and more difficult to accomplish without detection," the report said.

Retired Army Gen. Richard G. Stilwell, who headed the panel, said that given the millions of people with security clearances and the enormous number of classified documents, "the state of security was in reasonably good shape."

Without referring to specific recent cases where military secrets were passed to the Soviet Union, the

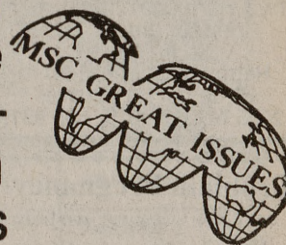
report said: "Known DoD losses have been relatively few. Some losses, however, have proved gravely damaging."

The panel recommended further reductions in the number of people with access to classified material, increased and more thorough background checks on people with security clearances, and a requirement that all briefcases and other belongings be subject to search when entering and leaving defense facilities.

It urged restrictions including travel limitations for Warsaw Pact diplomats at the United Nations, and suggested tougher steps be taken against civilian defense contractors who allow security violations. It proposed monetary rewards for tips on people passing secrets.



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Waite still hopeful, delayed by heavy fighting in Beirut

Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Terry Waite, the archbishop of Canterbury's envoy who is trying to free American hostages in Lebanon, was pinned down by gunfire between battling Moslem militias Thursday.

But in a message for the hostages' families, he said he is still optimistic about the kidnapped Americans' chances for freedom. He urged their relatives to be brave.

"Have courage, keep calm, we're making progress," Waite said in an interview in The Associated Press office as fighting raged in the streets below.

The street battles forced Waite to delay a news conference and his de-

Armor-piercing bullets chipped the walls and shredded curtains as Waite and others in the The Associated Press office in Beirut crouched on the floor.

parture by plane to Larnaca, Cyprus. From there, he planned to fly on to New York for meetings with U.S. officials and church leaders on the hostage crisis.

Waite met the Americans' kidnappers last week, flew to London to talk to U.S. officials and then returned to Beirut Tuesday for more contacts with the Shiite fundamentalists holding the hostages.

Waite was sent to Lebanon by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Robert Runcie, Nov. 13 after four of the six missing Americans wrote to the Anglican primate for help in securing their release.

The burly 6-foot-7 Waite came face-to-face with Beirut's violence Thursday when a bullet smashed through a wall only feet from where he was standing in the AP office. Armor-piercing bullets chipped the walls and shredded curtains as Waite and others in the office crouched on the floor.

Men convicted in Greenpeace ship bombing

Associated Press

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — This nation's highest judge sentenced two French secret agents to 10 years in prison today for manslaughter in the bombing of the Greenpeace flagship Rainbow Warrior. He said the punishment was meant to deter terrorism.

Maj. Alain Mafart, 35, and Capt. Dominique Prieur, 36, also received seven years each for willful damage to the ship, which was blown up and sunk in Auckland Harbor on July 10.

"The courts must make it plain that persons coming into this country cannot expect a short holiday at the expense of the government and return home as heroes," said Sir Roland Davison, chief justice of the Auckland High Court.

Davison ordered that the sentences be served concurrently.

The Rainbow Warrior was sunk by mines and a Greenpeace photographer, Fernando Pereira of the Netherlands, was killed in the blast.

Greenpeace had sent the ship to New Zealand to lead a protest flotilla against French nuclear tests in the Mururoa Atoll in the South Pacific.

Brad Giles, one of three defense lawyers for the agents, told reporters it is "much too early" to talk about whether there will be an appeal.

"We must sit down and assess it in a quiet and reasoned way," Giles said.

The defendants have 10 days to appeal.

They would be eligible for parole after serving five years.

The two French agents stood impassively in the dock as the sentence was pronounced.

They were immediately led through a trapdoor in the floor to cells below the courtroom.

They were then taken by police van back to the prison where they have been held since their arrest.

During the hearing earlier this month, Solicitor General Paul Neazor told the court that the agents were not personally responsible for the placing of explosives on the ship and had no intention to kill.

He said the identities of the persons who planted the explosives on the hull of the Rainbow Warrior had not been established, but there was no doubt it was done by trained experts in underwater warfare.

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