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Fourth Army sergeant charged as part of spy ring

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WASHINGTON — FBI agents arrested a fourth Army sergeant on Thursday on espionage charges in connection with a spy ring in Germany that sold U.S. and NATO military secrets to Hungary and Czechoslovakia during the Cold War.

The FBI announced that Army Staff Sgt. Jeff E. Gregory, 31, was arrested at Fort Richardson,

Alaska, as a result of a joint investigation with the U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command.

The federal complaint against Gregory said that while working for the 8th Infantry Division in Germany from March 1984 to October 1988, "he helped procure extremely sensitive, classified documents relating to national defense, for transmittal to one or more foreign powers." He could

face life imprisonment.

Gregory is the fourth Army sergeant charged with participating in a mid-1980s espionage ring authorities say was made up of soldiers whose job was to safeguard military plans at the 5th Infantry Division in Bad Kreuznach, West Germany.

Clyde Lee Conrad "was the spy master," said Larry Curtin of the FBI's Tampa office. "He recruited [former U.S. Army Sgt.

Roderick James] Ramsay, who recruited others."

Conrad, who also was a U.S. Army sergeant, was sentenced in June 1991 to life in prison plus four years after a West German court convicted him of passing secrets to Hungary and Czechoslovakia from 1975 through 1985 in return for \$1.2 million.

Ramsay was arrested in 1990, pleaded guilty last year in U.S. District Court in Jacksonville,

and was sentenced to 36 years in prison for selling military secrets to Hungary and Czechoslovakia in the mid-1980s for \$20,000.

Among the items Ramsay admitted selling were plans for the defense of Central Europe; documents outlining the location and use of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's tactical nuclear weapons; and technical manuals and information about the alliance's military communications,

said U.S. Attorney Robert Genzman.

Ramsay has been cooperating with authorities since his arrest, the FBI said.

Another staff sergeant, Jeffrey Stephen Rondeau of Bangor, Maine, was indicted by a federal grand jury in Tampa in October, was arrested there and is awaiting trial, Curtin said.

The investigation is continuing, he said.

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