

## **U.S. Jury Indicts 5 On Giving Bulgaria Computer Material**

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 4 (AP) — A Federal grand jury indicted a Dutch national, two Bulgarians and two Californians on charges that they conspired to export computer equipment to Bulgaria, the United States Attorney's office announced today.

"It's a significant case, mostly because of the destination and type of equipment involved," said Assistant United States Attorney William Fahey. "It's always a national security concern when you're talking about exporting to an Eastern Bloc country technology that the Commerce Department has deemed to be non-exportable."

The 10-count indictment, handed down Thursday, includes one count of conspiracy, six illegal export counts and three counts of making false statements to Government agencies, Mr. Fahey said.

### **Two Californians Indicted**

The indictment named Edward F. King, of Yorba Linda, Calif.; Louis R. Klement, of Placentia, Calif.; Hendrik G. Wasmoeth, a Dutch national, and two Bulgarian nationals, Ognian Bozarov and Assen Koinov.

The two Californians, arrested Thursday by Customs agents, each were charged with all 10 counts, while the other three men, for whom arrest warrants have been issued, were charged only with conspiracy, Mr. Fahey said.

Mr. King was held in \$100,000 bond, while Mr. Klement was released this afternoon after posting \$50,000 bond.

The Government will "pursue all legal avenues," including extradition, to arrest the other three men, said Mr. Fahey, adding that the two Bulgarians were in their home nation and Mr. Wasmoeth was either in Amsterdam or Alkmaar, the Netherlands.

The indictment resulted from an investigation by special agents in the "Operation Exodus" program of the Customs Service and the Commerce Department's Office of Export Enforcement, Mr. Fahey said. The purpose of the operation is "to stem the flow of high technology exports," he explained.

"Beginning in March 1981, King, Wasmoeth, Koinov and Bozarov met to discuss the acquisition of computer disk manufacturing equipment by the Bulgarians," said a statement released by the United States Attorney's Office.

### **No License Issued**

In January 1982, Mr. King and Mr. Klement formed an export company named Printemps, in Yorba Linda, Calif., to buy and export equipment, the statement said. Some equipment was delivered to Printemps in November and December 1982, and was then shipped to Mr. Wasmoeth in Holland, who immediately sent the equipment to Mr. Koinov and Mr. Bozarov in Bulgaria.

"Although the U.S. Commerce Department requires the issuance of an export license before the equipment could leave the United States, no such license was applied for or received by any of the defendants," the statement said.

Printemps's activities became known last January when, at Los Angeles International Airport, "Customs agents seized two disk coating machines as they were about to be exported without license," Mr. Fahey said.

If convicted, Mr. King and Mr. Klement could receive maximum prison terms of 50 years and fines of \$1 million.