

Prosecutors: Teledyne illegally supplied Iraq



MIAMI (AP) — Teledyne Industries Inc. illegally exported a blast-enhancing ingredient for cluster bombs bound for Iraq and concocted a cover to make the shipments look legitimate, U.S. prosecutors charged Monday in closing arguments at the trial of two employees from Oregon.

Export documents listing the intended use of zirconium sent to Chilean arms maker Carlos Cardoen as a mining explosive for use in snow was a sales-department joke, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Eduardo Palmer.

"That's a snow job all right, but not much else," he said. "They laughed. ... They knew it wasn't true."

The defense depicted one defendant as a low-level worker who was out of the corporate loop on legal questions about exports and relied on his bosses for order approval and policies for dealing with Cardoen.

Arguments were set Tuesday for the second defendant, to be followed by government rebuttal and jury instructions.

Teledyne paid a \$4 million fine in January to avoid trial over its zirconium shipments, which went into \$150 million worth of cluster bombs Cardoen sold to Iraq during its all-out war with Iran in the 1980s.

Out of the jury's hearing, the defense claimed Teledyne had secret CIA approval for the shipments during the Reagan and Bush administrations when the United States was openly neutral in the war.

But U.S. District Judge Shelby Highsmith has barred any testimony on the subject.

Teledyne zirconium salesman Edward Johnson is charged with conspiracy and export violations, and zirconium ordnance expert Ronald Griffin is accused of lying to investigators about when he became aware the metal from Teledyne Wah Chang Albany of Albany, Ore., was going into bombs.

Johnson, 55, who testified for three days, "feels duped. He feels he's been lied to. He's been tricked all along," Palmer said. "Does he stop dealing with the Cardoen organization? No."

Gerald Houlihan, representing Johnson, ended his arguments close to tears, asking jurors, "Please send him home."

"What do you do when you're a little guy in a corporation and somebody tells you what to do?" the attorney asked. "Ed Johnson relied on his bosses at every stage in this period."

If he were guilty, Houlihan said Johnson would have destroyed any incriminating company records at the end of the Iran-Iraq war, during a 1990 Commerce investigation or during Desert Storm.

"Why would he jeopardize his life for anyone like Cardoen? What was his motivation?" Houlihan asked. "He had no motive to do anything illegal."

Johnson averaged \$9 million in annual sales, Cardoen represented less than 11 percent of his sales in any year, and Johnson received no commission on Cardoen's purchases, the defense said.



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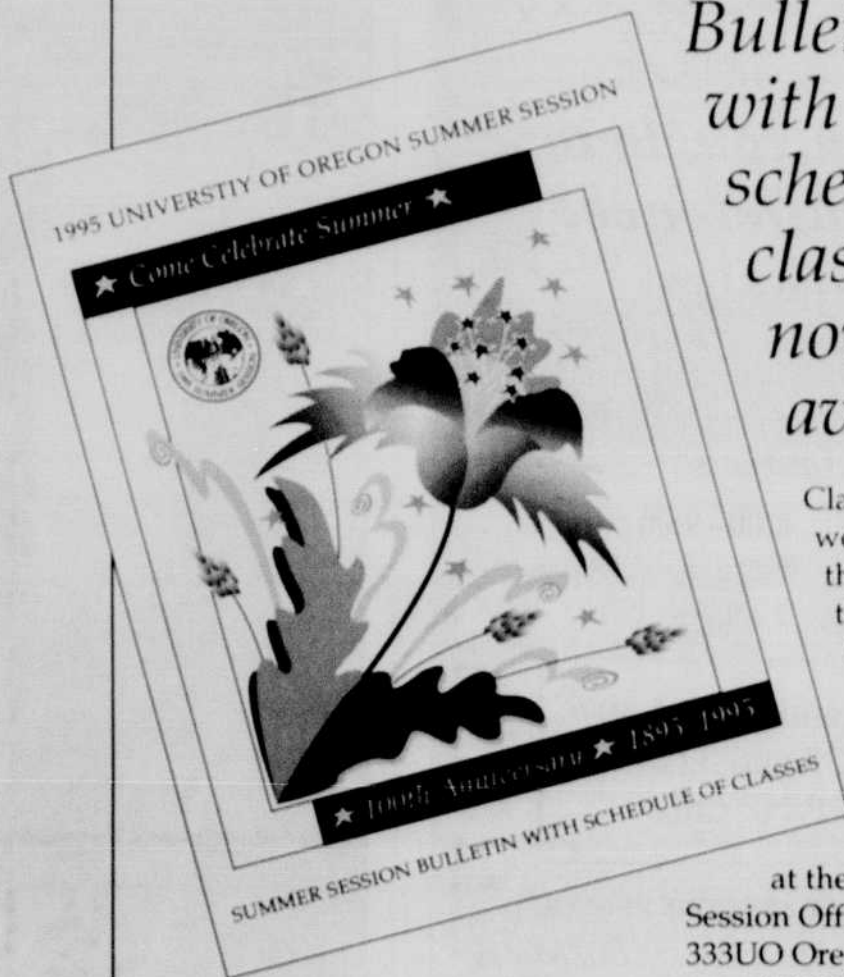
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