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English professor Bruce Franklin today exposed the background of prosecution witness Alan T. Waterman, Jr., a Stanford University professor of electrical engineering who admittedly depends on the Department of Defense for his livelihood.

"Professor Waterman has a very dear, personal interest in getting me the hell outta here," Franklin, who has long opposed DoD research, told the Advisory Board hearing his case. "His testimony is prejudiced. He is out-and-out lying."

Waterman had testified in some detail concerning Franklin's alleged activities in the vicinity of the Stanford computer center last February 10. Waterman concluded that Franklin was "definitely not behaving like a faculty observer" to the occupation of the computer center, and that as Franklin passed the skirmish ilne of the Santa Clara County tac squad, "he put his mouth very close to every third or fourth policeman and shouted 'pig.'"

In cross-examination, Waterman admitted that, if the anti-war movement at Stanford had succeeded in getting military research removed from campus, at least one of his research contracts would have been directly affected. In fact, Waterman confessed, if the movement were successful all of his research would have to be reoriented until funding for the current work could be found from agencies other than the military.

But Waterman is a specialist in the propagation of kix electromagnetic waves, and his research is primarily useful to the army and air force. The Department of Defense statement outlining the purpose of the research is itself classified, as Bruce Franklin pointed out in cross-examination. Waterman said he knew of no reason for this classification, but experts in DoD research at Stanford say that the research is "in no way basic," and would probably be used by the military in

developing the so-called electronic battlefield which is taking over the air war in Southeast Asia. Waterman admitted, under intense questioning, that his research was applied to the development of electronic countermeasures.

"Would you consider the manufacture of weapons inside a classroom grounds for dismissal of an instructor?" Franklin finally asked Waterman. Flustered, Waterman said he thought such action would be "inappropriate behavior" and would raise the question of dismissal action. But Waterman insisted that the electronic countermeasure equipment on which he works, which is responsible for the deaths of thousands of Vaetnamese civilians, is "not necessarily" a weapon.