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### Wilson Trial

The man who arranged to ship 21 tons of explosives to former CIA agent Edwin Wilson in Libya testified today Wilson told him he had made \$6 million to \$7 million in his transactions in Libya during a seven-year stay.

Jerome S. Brower had said Friday he arranged for the 1977 shipment after Wilson deposited \$588,000 in a Swiss bank account. He said he had bought 54,000 pounds of the plastic explosive C-4 at Wilson's request and shipped 21 tons to Tripoli.

Brower testified he was repaid all but about \$3,000 of the cost of shipping the explosives to Wilson, after fronting him the money for the transportation. He also testified that a government chemist successfully detonated about a month ago a sample of C-4 plastic explosive from the same batch as was shipped to Wilson.

Wilson, 54, faces four charges that he smuggled plastic explosives in October 1977.

Brower, an unindicted co-conspirator who owned the California-based J.S. Brower & Associates, said he charged Wilson for the entire amount but pulled out seven tons because the former agent "had not paid me for other supplies he had bought."

Brower testified he bought the explosives from three plants in the United States and Canada after meeting Wilson in Washington. The substance was transferred from boxes into more than 800 five-gallon cans, then shipped to Houston to be flown overseas, he said.

He said the explosive, a white powder, was covered with a layer of a dark compound used in drilling wells and that the cans' labels said they contained drilling mud.

Once the shipment was in Libya, Brower said, he complied with Wilson's request by changing an invoice to show each can contained 60 pounds of explosives, rather than the 50 they actually held.

"Mr. Wilson told me he had told the Libyans I had stolen this (shipment) from U.S. military installations," Brower said.

Wilson's chief counsel, Herald Fahringer, said in his opening statement that his client was working for the CIA on a "deep cover assignment," posing as a businessman, when he arranged the shipment.

Fahringer said that in the course of the alleged CIA assignment, Wilson alerted officials of a plot to assassinate President Reagan and obtained documents listing Soviet military equipment that was in Libya.

"We will attempt to prove that Mr. Wilson believed that it was legal to send the explosives over there and that it was legal to send them to Libya."