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ALEXANDRIA, Va. (Reuters) - A Defense Department analyst was charged on Thursday with illegally disclosing classified defense information to two former officials of a pro-Israel lobbying group, court documents showed.

A superseding indictment returned by a federal grand jury and unsealed on Thursday charges Lawrence Franklin, a Pentagon analyst, with giving the information to two former employees of the influential American Israel Public Affairs Committee.

The new indictment charges Steven Rosen, formerly AIPAC's policy director, with illegally receiving classified information from Franklin and with illegally helping Franklin pass on written classified information.

The indictment also charges Keith Weissman, AIPAC's former senior Middle East analyst, with illegally receiving classified information.

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