



A US engineer who sold military secrets to China has been sentenced to 32 years in prison. Indian-born Noshir Gowadia, 66, had helped to design the propulsion system for the B-2 bomber.

A court in Hawaii found guilty in August of passing on information which helped China to design a stealth cruise missile. Prosecutors had hoped for a life sentence but said 32 years was "in many ways appropriate".

Gowadia was accused of travelling to China between 2003 and 2005 while designing the missile. He was said to have been paid \$110,000 (£69,000) - money that was used to pay off a mortgage on a luxury home on the island of Maui.

His defence had argued that he only provided information which was unclassified and freely available. But Chief US District Judge Susan Oki Mollway said Gowadia "broke his oath of loyalty" to the US.

"He was found guilty of marketing valuable technology to foreign countries for personal gain," she told reporters.

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