

Watergate Defendants Told To Support Pleas to Court

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—One of the Watergate defendants was ordered today by the Chief United States District Court judge, John Siragusa, to stand with the government if it requests a writ of habeas corpus.

The order, by a federal judge, was issued yesterday. It was directed at Edward J. Bremer, a former U.S. District Court judge in Chicago, who had been convicted of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. Treasury. Bremer had asked the court for permission to withdraw the guilty plea made in January.

Plea to Bar Hearings Rejected

Washington

Chief Justice Warren E. Burger yesterday rejected a plea from the National Citizens Committee for Justice for the Presidency, Inc., to halt "public hearings" before the Senate Watergate subcommittee.

The plea, which had been filed with the House Judiciary committee, requested that the committee refrain from holding public hearings on the Watergate case.

The committee, which is headed by Rep. Otis C. Pike, D-Mich., has been holding public hearings on the Watergate case since July 18. The committee has heard testimony from several key figures in the case, including President Nixon's former aide, H. R. Haldeman, and former White House press secretary, Ron Felt.

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