

## Watergate Defendants Told To Support Pleadings to Court

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP)—Five of the Watergate defendants were ordered today by the Chief United States District Court judge, John Siragusa, to file affidavits supporting their pleadings to withdraw from the case.

The court's order, issued Wednesday, was directed at five defendants: Hiram Bland, Eugene R. McCarthy, John G. Adams, J. Edgar Hoover and the late Sen. James Buckley. The court is currently hearing the case.

## Plan to Bar Hearings Rejected

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Chief Justice Warren E. Burger yesterday rejected a plan from the National Citizens Committee for Justice to the President to bar "off-the-record" hearings before the Senate Watergate subcommittee.

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