

Dwight Chapin Seeks Leniency

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The attorney for former presidential appointments secretary Dwight L. Chapin yesterday filed formal pleadings in U.S. District Court here that his client be placed on probation for his convictions on two perjury charges.

Attorney Jacob Stein said that Chapin had been "marked for life" as a result of the conviction and his "expectations in politics are at an end."

Imprisonment for his client, Stein argued, "would serve no healthy, magnanimous interest, which the public now has in this case. Chapin, who was convicted of lying to a federal grand jury investigating the activities of political saboteur Donald Segretti, is scheduled for sentencing next Wednesday before U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell. He could receive up to 10 years in jail.