



An unshaven E. Howard Hunt talks to newsmen after release in Washington. AP

Hunt freed pending appeal

Washington (AP)—E. Howard Hunt, the convicted Watergate conspirator, looking gaunt, was released from prison yesterday to await the outcome of his appeal at home.

Hunt was driven from the federal prison at Allenwood, Pa., to the federal District Court in Washington where he had pleaded guilty last January to conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping in the Democratic headquarters break-in. He had spent 10 months and

5 days in prison, serving a sentence of 2½ to 8 years.

The 55-year-old Hunt was manacled with a chain around his waist as he was brought in by two United States marshals.

Then he was taken before a district court clerk, Robert Huey, where he swore he would abide by the regulations for his release set by the U.S. Court of Appeals last Friday.

Hunt is appealing on grounds that the chief U.S. District Court judge, John J. Sirica,

should have accepted the withdrawal of his guilty plea and ordered the charges against him dismissed.

He will await the appeals court decision at his home in Potomac, Md.

The appeals court also ordered another Watergate defendant, Bernard L. Barker, freed from prison near Pensacola, Fla., pending his appeal. Federal prison officials said Barker will be flown to Washington today for release.

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