

Conspirator Criticizes Ford Pardon

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James McCord, one of seven men convicted of the Watergate break-in, has criticized President Ford's pardoning of Richard M. Nixon and says he would not accept such a pardon for himself under any circumstances.

"President Ford has corrupted the whole judicial systems," McCord said in an interview with the Montgomery County Sentinel. "If Ford offered me a pardon, it would compound the corruption."

McCord, who owns a security consultant firm in Rockville, was convicted early last year of the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters. His later note to U.S. District Court Judge John Sirica that perjury had been committed during the trial helped to break the cover-up.

He is currently free on bail and has appealed his case to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington.
