

Porter Gets 30 Days in Jail

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Herbert L. (Bart) Porter, former official in President Nixon's re-election campaign, was sentenced yesterday to 30 days in prison for lying to the FBI during its investigation of the Watergate break-in.

Porter's false testimony was critical in helping to preserve the cover-up early in the Watergate investigation, according to sources close to the original prosecution.

Judge William B. Bryant, in U.S. District Court, sentenced Porter to five to 15 months in

prison, and then suspended all but 30 days. Porter who will become 36 on Saturday, was put under one year's unsupervised probation.

The crime to which he pleaded guilty earlier this year was that on July 19, 1972, a month after the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate, Porter "did knowingly and willfully make false, fictitious and fraudulent statements and representations to agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation . . ." That charge carried a maximum of

five years' imprisonment and a fine of \$10,000.

The false version that Porter gave was that \$100,000 channeled to G. Gordon Liddy out of a secret cash fund was intended to protect President Nixon's surrogate campaigners from violence. As scheduling director of the Committee to Re-Elect the President, Porter was in charge of the surrogates who spoke throughout the country on Mr. Nixon's behalf.

The truth—as it later came

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