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Watergate Plea

An attorney asked U.S. District Court here yesterday to reduce the sentences of four of the men convicted in the 1972 Watergate break-in.

The five-page motion was filed by Daniel E. Schultz on behalf of Bernard Barker, Frank Sturgis, Eugenio Martinez and Virgilio Gonzalez. They pleaded guilty to burglarizing the national Democratic headquarters at the original Watergate trial in January, 1973.

Melinda Murray, an attorney with Schultz, said the motion was especially directed on behalf of Barker, who is supposed to return to prison in about two weeks to serve the remainder of an 18-month to six-year sentence. The other three received one-to-four year sentences. All four served about 13 months before

their release pending appeal.

Miss Murray said the four asked for the reduction on grounds they had served more time than any other Watergate defendant except for G. Gordon Liddy and that they were least responsible for the break-in.