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Ehrlichman Denied Prison Date Delay

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell yesterday refused to delay the date that former White House aide John D. Ehrlichman must report to a federal prison.

Gesell ruled earlier this week that Ehrlichman must report to prison in Safford, Ariz., by Sept. 17, and revoked his personal bond.

His attorneys asked Gesell to reconsider his order so that Ehrlichman could remain free pending an appeal to the Supreme Court. In rejecting the request, Gesell said the U.S. Court of Appeals here—which unanimously affirmed Ehrlichman's conviction in May—now had the authority to reinstate his bond.

Ehrlichman's lawyers said they would appeal Gesell's ruling to that higher court.

Ehrlichman was convicted in connection with his role in the burglary of the office of a Los Angeles psychiatrist, Dr. Lewis Fielding, who was psychiatrist for Pentagon Papers codefendant Daniel Ellsberg.