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Watergate Jurors Get Holiday

The Watergate cover-up trial jurors will take Christmas Eve off and feast with their families on Christmas Day.

Chief Marshal George McKinney told reporters yesterday that each of the 14 women and three men who are jurors and alternates would be permitted to have four or five members of their family join them for about eight hours at their hotel in the Washington area for an all-day buffet.

The jury has been sequestered since Oct. 11, and the arrangement of having their families join them on Christmas was the same as

at Thanksgiving. The jurors, who pretty much have finished their Christmas shopping, will be permitted to attend religious services on Christmas Eve if they wish.

McKinney said the jurors were moved from the Albert Pick Midtown Motel in downtown Washington during the past week to a hotel he would identify merely as being in the metropolitan area.

He said they moved only because "a change of pace" might help their morale. The jurors listened to 59 days' worth of testimony and tapes, and will begin de-

liberating after receiving the judge's instructions late this week.

McKinney said the marshals have censored the cards and letters received by the jurors, but there have been no apparent attempts to get Watergate information to them through the mails. He said a handful of cards addressed to the Watergate jury from around the country will be given them after the trial.

The jurors told Judge John J. Sirica that they would prefer not working Christmas Eve. So they are not due back in court until Thursday morning.