

# Trial Dates On Break-in Suggested

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Defense attorneys for six persons charged in the break-in at the office of Pentagon papers defendant Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist suggested possible trial dates yesterday ranging from July 15 of this year to March 1, 1975.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell, who asked the attorneys for the suggestions, has not set a trial date. Charged in the case are former White House aides John D. Ehrlichman and Charles W. Colson, both of whom are charged in the Watergate cover-up, and G. Gordon Liddy, Bernard L. Barker, Felipe De Diego and Eugenio R. Martinez.

The latest trial date suggested was given by Colson's attorney and supported by Ehrlichman's attorneys.

Sidney Dickstein, who is representing Colson, said the March 1, 1975, trial date suggestion in the break-in is based on the amount of time the Watergate special prosecutor predicts the cover-up trial

will last. U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica has scheduled the cover-up trial for Sept. 9.

"The special prosecutor has estimated that the trial (of the cover-up) will require three to six months, an estimate which seems altogether reasonable," Dickstein said in a letter to Gesell. He said there are "practical aspects of being unable to prepare for and try both cases simultaneously."

Liddy's attorney, Peter Maroulis, suggested that the trial begin on July 15, 1974. That date "should provide sufficient time for the determination of pretrial motions and preparations for trial," Maroulis said.

Daniel Schultz, who represents Barker and Martinez, said the trial should begin no later than August. And De Diego's attorney, Henry Rothblatt, said he wanted "as much time as we can get."

Yesterday was also the deadline for defense attorney to indicate whether they wanted four individual perjury counts against Ehrlichman tried on a date separate from the conspiracy count in which all six defendants are charged.

Ehrlichman's attorneys said they preferred to have all the charges tried at once. Only De Diego's attorney asked that the Ehrlichman charges be severed. Judge Gesell has not ruled on that issue.