

Ehrlichman Cites

Transcript Publicity

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Former Presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman said yesterday that the release of the presidential tape transcripts has increased the "inflammatory atmosphere" of pretrial publicity in connection with charges against him in the Ellsberg burglary case.

Ehrlichman, the president's former domestic affairs adviser, is one of six persons charged in the break-in at the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, who was a fair's adviser, is one of six psychiatrists for Pentagon Papers co-defendant Daniel Ellsberg.

He filed the motion concerning the presidential tape transcripts to supplement his previous pleas that charges against him be dropped or that he be tried in another city because of prejudicial pretrial publicity.

He said the release of the transcripts, as well as leaks from closed hearings of the House Judiciary Committee considering impeachment, "further added fuel to the already present inferno of public opinion which precludes a fair trial in this case."