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Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Mardian are sentenced by Sirica; the first three to serve "not less than 30 months and not more than eight years," and Mardian 10 months to three years. See story for possible maximum sentences, such as 25 years for Mitchell and Haldeman. "All the defendants also faced possible fines, ranging from \$37,000 for Mr. Mitchell to \$10,000 for Mr. Mardian. Judge Sirica imposed no fines." All may remain free on personal recognizance pending appeal.

Pre-sentencing statement for Haldeman by Wilson.

"Mr. Wilson noted that Mr. Haldeman had 'never before' been in trouble. Then he turned to the relationship between Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Nixon, who was pardoned by President Ford.... 'I hope that Your Honor considers whatever Bob Haldeman did, he did not for himself but for the President of the United States....' He remarked that Judge Sirica had a power 'not dissimilar from that of pardon, that whatever Bob Haldeman did, so did Richard Nixon.'"

Pre-sentencing statement for Ehrlichman by Ira M. Lowe, "a local lawyer known for his interest in radical causes and who was recently retained by the defendant." Lowe asks that Ehrlichman be sentenced to help the 6,000 Indians in the 'eight northern pueblos in the area of Espinola, New Mexico,' in his legal specialty before going to the WH, land use. "As Mr. Lowe described it, Mr. Ehrlichman had sought in recent weeks to determine 'what he could do to comport with the old Hassidic command of a good deed for a bad.' Mr. Lowe said that the Indian chieftans were eager to have Mr. Ehrlichman and his expertise."

NYT 22 Feb 75, Lesley Oelsner

Lowe says Ehrlichman's assistance has been formally invited by most of the eight*tribes involved; suggest that sending him to work among the Indians would probably lead him to drop any appeals of his conviction; reads from letter Ehrlichman sent Sirica 3 Feb in which [WXP:] "Ehrlichman ... professed his profound regret for his part in 'the whole Watergate episode,' but reiterated once again his basic contention that he had been 'deceived' at the White House "

WXP 22 Feb 75, George Lardner Jr.

*(Lardner: "the eight Northern Pueblo tribes")

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Haldeman (Nixon) - See entry, Mitchell, Haldeman

Ehrlichman professes profound regret for his part in Watergate - See entry, Mitchell, Haldeman

Ira M. Lowe, lawyer recently retained by Ehrlichman - See entry, Mitchell, Haldeman

Public reaction to sentences imposed today on Haldeman et al - Poll taken by WXP of persons in the WX metropolitan area shows that "an overwhelming majority - 79 per cent" believes the defendants "received punishments that were either appropriate or lenient."

See story for other questions asked, including those on Nixon's resignation and pardon, and re-entry into public life.

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Nixon (re-entry into public life) - See entry on WXP poll, headed Public reaction to sentences

"An overwhelming majority of those polled ... 83 per cent - said they thought that Mr. Nixon should 'stay out' of public life."

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- See entry 15 Feb through 3 Mar 75, Nixon, public opinion.