

3 AT WATERGATE GRANTED PAROLE

Their Release Due March 7
After 15 Months in Jail

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 — Three of the seven Watergate burglars were granted parole today by the United States Parole Board, effective March 7. They will be the first in the case to finish their prison terms.

The three — Frank A. Sturgis, Virgilio R. Gonzalez and Eugenio R. Martinez — were sentenced last November to terms of one to four years in prison for burglary, wiretapping and conspiracy in the break-in of Democratic National Headquarters in June, 1972. They are now in custody at the Federal prison camp at Eglin Air Force Base near Miami.

The men, all Miami residents, will remain on parole until the end of their sentences in January, 1976. They have been in prison 15 months.

Two other Watergate conspirators — Bernard L. Barker and E. Howard Hunt Jr. — were released last week by order pending an appeal of their convictions. A sixth conspirator, James W. McCord Jr., was released earlier, pending an appeal.

The other convicted Watergate participant is G. Gordon Liddy, former counsel to the Fiance Committee to Re-elect the President. Until recently, Mr. Liddy was in the District of Columbia jail on a contempt of court charge for his failure to answer questions by the Watergate grand jury.

According to a spokesman for the Watergate special prosecutor's office, Mr. Liddy is now in a California jail awaiting trial for his role in the break-in of the office of Dr. Lewis Fielding, Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist.