

McCord Asks House To Impeach Nixon

Washington

James W. McCord Jr. has petitioned the House to impeach President Nixon, saying that the President's knowledge of hush money payments is evidence of "the federal crime of tampering with the seven Watergate defendants."

McCord, one of the seven men convicted of conspiracy and burglary in the Watergate break-in, made the charges in a six-page document to the House Judiciary Committee which is studying impeachment.

The petition is along the lines of a letter McCord sent to news media a week ago.

McCord said the allegations will be made part of

his appeal, now pending.

He asked the House to impeach the President, including among his reasons that Mr. Nixon did not report a year ago he had been told money was paid to keep the men quiet.

McCord said that when Mr. Nixon learned of the hush money payments he should have reported it at once to U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica who was preparing to sentence the seven defendants on March 23, 1973.

Such disclosure, McCord said, would have forced the judge to overturn the convictions.

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