

Chapin Pleads With Judge for Probation

Washington

Arguing that he already is "marked for life," former White House appointments Secretary Dwight L. Chapin pleaded yesterday with U.S. District Judge Gerhart Gesell to give him probation rather than jail.

Chapin was convicted April 5 on two counts of lying to the FBI in its investigation of the dirty tricks campaign against Democrats during the 1972 presidential primaries.

Gesell scheduled sentencing for next Wednesday.

Chapin's lawyers argued in a pre-sentencing motion

that he has no other criminal record and is unlikely to commit further offenses if he is spared a jail term.

The petition also said jail would place an undue hardship on Chapin's family and that he had already suffered considerably.

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