

MAGRUDER GIVEN A 10-MONTH TERM

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Deputy Director of Nixon's
Campaign Sentenced for
His Role in Watergate

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WASHINGTON, May 21 — Jeb Stuart Magruder, the deputy director of President Nixon's re-election campaign, who has been cooperating with Federal prosecutors for more than a year, was sentenced today to serve a minimum of 10 months in prison for his role in the Watergate break-in and cover-up.

United States District Judge John J. Sirica ordered him to begin serving the 10-month to four-year term at a minimum security Federal prison on June 4.

Mr. Magruder was the second former Nixon aide to be given a jail sentence in the last week. On May 15, Dwight L. Chapin, former White House appointments secretary, was sentenced to 10 to 30 months for lying to a Watergate grand jury.

Six other former White House aides have been convicted since the Watergate burglary in June, 1972. They are G. Gordon Liddy, Egil Krogh Jr., Frederick C. LaRue, John W. Dean 3d, E. Howard

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Hunt Jr. and Herbert L. Porter. Mr. Magruder pleaded guilty Aug. 16 to a one-count indictment that charged him with conspiring to obstruct justice, defraud the United States and eavesdrop on the Democratic National Committee at its Watergate headquarters.

At that time, he admitted having lied to the F.B.I. in July, 1972, about the Watergate break-in and having perjured himself twice in appearances before the Watergate grand jury that fall and at the trial of the seven original Watergate conspirators.

In April, 1973, as the Watergate cover-up started to unravel, he began to cooperate with Federal prosecutors. In return, the special prosecutor's office agreed to ask the court for a more lenient sentence.

Today, at the request of Mr. Magruder's attorneys, the judge agreed to recommend to the Bureau of Prisons that Mr. Magruder be allowed to serve his sentence at the Allenwood, Pa., prison, where he would be closer to his home.

Cooperation Evaluated

Judge Sirica had delayed the sentencing until today to evaluate Mr. Magruder's cooperation with the prosecutor. He faced a maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Before his sentence was announced, Mr. Magruder sat impassively while one of his lawyers, David E. Sharp, told Judge Sirica that his client "has been serving a sentence for the past 13 months" and "has exposed himself and his family to a

year of unremitting humiliation and contempt."

"We ask one thing of the court," Mr. Sharp continued. "considering that Mr. Magruder must be punished, but at the same time realizing that he has remorse, contrition, we ask your honor that when you sentence him here today, that you not knock him down to the point that he cannot get up again, that you leave him with an opportunity to survive this."

Then Mr. Magruder, looking composed and fit in a striped shirt and light gray pinstripe suit, read his own statement of regret.

"I can only speak in personal terms about my participation," he said. "I cannot measure the impact on this Administration or on the nation of Watergate. Whatever the impact, I am confident that this country will survive its Watergates and its Jeb Magruder."

He described himself as "an ambitious man" when he left the presidency of two small cosmetic companies to go to work for the White House in the fall of 1969.

Ethical Compass Lost

"I was ambitious, but I was not without morals or ethics or ideals," he said. "There was in me the same blend of ambition and altruism that I saw in many of my peers."

"Somewhere between my ambition and my ideals I lost my ethical compass. I found myself on a path that had not been intended for me by my parents or my principles or by my own ethical instincts. It has led me to this courtroom."

Mr. Magruder's wife, Gail,

sat in the second row of the courtroom during the 10-minute proceeding. She was accompanied by the family's pastor, the Rev. Louis H. Evans Jr., senior pastor of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, and his wife.

Mrs. Magruder, dressed in a bright orange suit, appeared to be trying hard to control her emotions but was clearly upset. After the verdict was announced, she walked over to her husband and embraced him.

Mr. Magruder served briefly as an assistant in the White House communications office before being named deputy director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President. Since leaving the committee, he has run a marketing consulting company, Metropolitan Research, Inc., in Washington.

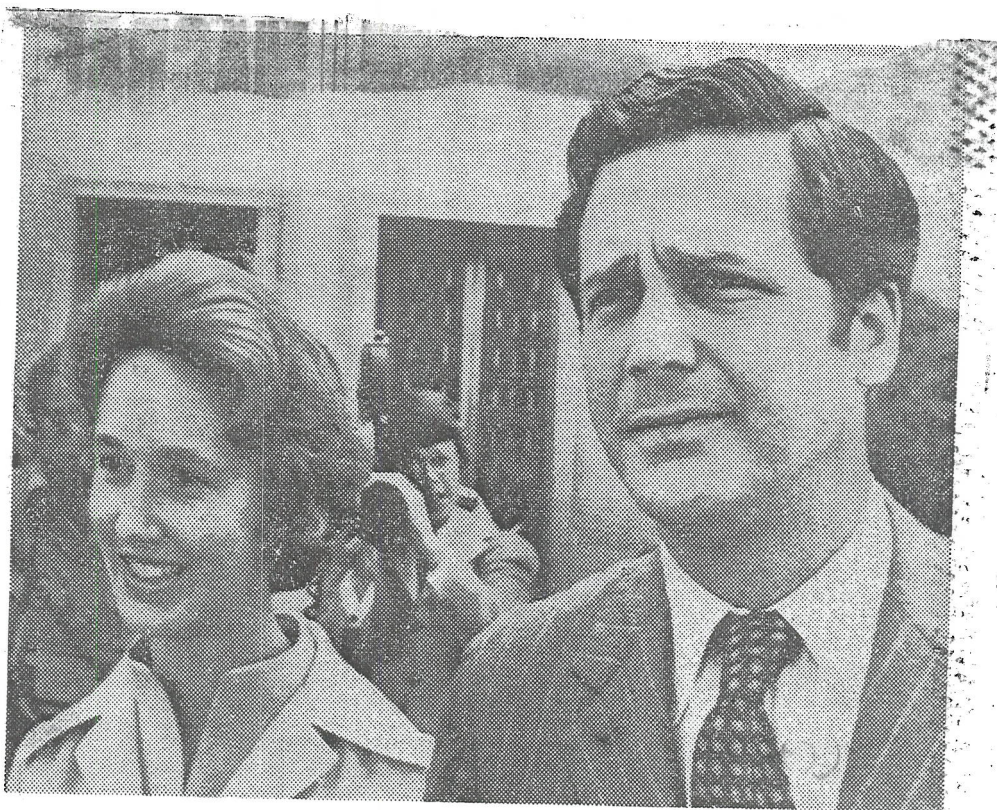
Although Judge Sirica would not let him lecture for a profit, Mr. Magruder has completed a book, "An American Life: One Man's Road to Watergate," to be published by Atheneum in July.

Porter Is Released

LOMPOC, Calif., May 21 (UPI)—Herbert L. Porter, former scheduling director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, has been released from the Federal correctional institution three days early for good behavior.

The warden's office said that Mr. Porter, who pleaded guilty to lying to the F.B.I. about the disposition of funds of the committee, was released May 17 after serving 27 days of a scheduled 30-day sentence.

His sentence included one year of probation.



Jeb Stuart Magruder, 1972 Nixon campaign aide, and his wife outside court after he was sentenced to at least 10 months in prison, beginning June 14, in Watergate affair.

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