

Mitchell, Parkinson Ask Supreme Court To Disqualify Sirica

WASHINGTON, July 9 (AP) —Two defendants in the Watergate cover-up trial asked the Supreme Court today to disqualify United States District Judge John J. Sirica from presiding.

The two former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and Kenneth W. Parkinson, an official of President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign, urged the Court to consider the question on an expedited basis.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Parkinson seek review of a decision by the United States Court of Appeals in Washington last month upholding Judge Sirica's refusal to disqualify himself.

There was no indication when the Court would act on the petition. The Court has already extended its current term to review an order by Judge Sirica directing Mr. Nixon to produce White House tapes and documents for possible use as evidence in the cover-up trial. The court heard arguments on this case yesterday.

begin Sept. 9 before Judge Sirica. The defendants are Mr. Mitchell; Mr. Parkinson; H. R. Haldeman, John R. Ehrlichman and Gordon C. Strachan, former White House aides, and Robert C. Mardian, a former Presidential campaign aide.

In their petition to the Supreme Court Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Parkinson contended that Judge Sirica, in the course of supervising a grand jury investigation into the Watergate case, "familiarized himself with much of the evidence involving the defendants."