

Haldeman Bids Again to Delay Trial

Former White House chief of staff H. R. (Bob) Haldeman yesterday carried his hopes for a delay in the Watergate cover-up trial to the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here.

Haldeman asked the appeals court to hold up the trial, now set for Oct. 1, until the Supreme Court can take up his petition for dismissal of the cover-up indictment on the grounds that the Watergate grand jury was illegally constituted.

U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica refused earlier this week to delay the trial on those grounds. The Supreme

Court does not begin its fall term until Oct. 7.

The Court of Appeals also has before it a petition by former White House aide Gordon Strachan, another defendant in the cover-up case, to force dismissal of the charges against him on the grounds that the government's evidence was tainted.

In another development, Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski was said to be drafting a response to a request by eight members of the Senate Judiciary Committee for "a full and complete record detailing the involvement" of former President Nixon in any Watergate-related cases as part of Jaworski's

final report to Congress.

A spokesman for Jaworski said the reply should be ready next week, but indicated that it was uncertain just how far the prosecutor would be willing to go. Jaworski's office has been considering keeping some of the files and findings of their investigations under seal.