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Case Ask for Delay in Trial

Washington

Three of the defendants in the Watergate coverup case asked the U.S. Court of Appeals yesterday to delay their trial for an indefinite period of time because of the publicity surrounding the pardon of former President Nixon.

The defendants, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Nixon aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, asked the court to order U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica not to begin the trial October 1.

Sirica already has delayed the trial twice, once at the suggestion of the appeals court.

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