

The Watergate Defendants' New Plan for Delay

Washington

Defendants in the Watergate coverup trial, scheduled to start next Tuesday, yesterday renewed their pleas to the Supreme Court for a delay.

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former presidential assistant H.R. Haldeman, citing a "tidal wave of prejudicial publicity," filed a new petition for a stay of the U.S. District Court proceedings.

And former White House aide Gordon Strachan, rebuffed by Justice William J. Brennan Jr., turned to Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. in his bid for a postponement.

On Monday, ^{23 SEP} both Haldeman and Strachan were turned down by Brennan, who was acting in place of Burger while Burger recovered from injuries suffered in a bicycle accident.

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