

Lawyers Seek To Quiz Jaworski

Washington

Lawyers for H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman argued in U.S. District Court here yesterday that their clients should be permitted to summon Leon Jaworski, the former special prosecutor, to testify in connection with their attempts to have their convictions in the Watergate cover-up case overturned.

The lawyers contended it is possible that Jaworski possessed exculpatory evidence during the trial that was not made available to the defendants.

Judge John J. Sirica said that he would issue a written opinion next week on the motions by all four of the convicted cover-up defendants to have the verdicts reversed or a retrial ordered.

In addition to Haldeman and Ehrlichman, once the

top two White House aides in the Nixon administration, those found guilty last month were John N. Mitchell, the former attorney general, and Robert C. Mardian, a former assistant attorney general.

The lawyers for Haldeman and Ehrlichman based their arguments on Jaworski's disclosure before a House subcommittee last week that he had been permitted by former President Nixon to go to the White House and listen to the tapes of certain conversations.

Jaworski said that the tapes contained "juicy" information but nothing that was relevant to the Watergate case.

Under the rules of criminal law, prosecutors must give defendants access to evidence that might help their defense.

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