

# McCord Enters Prison For Watergate Crimes

ALLENWOOD, Pa., March 21 (AP)—James W. McCord Jr., one of the original seven defendants in the Watergate break-in, surrendered at a minimum security Federal penitentiary here today to begin serving a one- to-five-year term.

Mr. McCord, who is 51 years old, was convicted two years ago of burglary, conspiracy and wiretapping in connection with the June 17, 1972 break-in at the Democratic national headquarters in the Watergate office and apartment complex in Washington.

At the time, Mr. McCord, a former agent of the Central Intelligence Agency, was director of security for the Committee for the Re-election of the President.

Mr. McCord arrived at the prison in a blue compact car with his wife and two daughters. They dropped him off and left immediately.

"Watergate completely changed our lives," Mr. McCord said in a brief meeting with reporters. "I would hope I haven't changed personally."

#### Letter to Sirica

It was his letter to Judge John J. Sirica of Federal District Court in March, 1973, that linked the White House to the break-in and led eventually to the resignation of President Nixon.

"I have no regrets in telling the truth," Mr. McCord said outside the prison. "I think in the long run it's been extremely beneficial to the country to have become aware of what occurred. I was probably the first to tell the truth on Watergate."

Mr. McCord, who wore a light blue sweater and blue slacks, then entered the prison's reception center and began the procedures that will transform him into another prisoner.

Mr. McCord served as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, beginning in 1948. In 1950, he went to work for the C.I.A.

After his retirement in 1970, Mr. McCord began a security consulting service in Rockville, Md. Soon after, he began his

work for the re-election committee. He was one of five men arrested in the Watergate building during the 1972 break-in.

#### Ruling in Tax Trial

WASHINGTON, March 21 (UPI)—A Federal judge ruled today that Watergate prosecutors would have one week to respond to motions by former President Richard M. Nixon's tax lawyer and document appraiser to move their trials away from Washington.

At a status hearing, Judge Oliver Gash of Federal District Court also gave attorneys for Frank DeMarco Jr., the tax lawyer, and Ralph G. Newman, the appraiser, three weeks to file additional motions.

Mr. DeMarco, who is 49, and Mr. Newman, 63, were indicted Feb. 19 on charges relating to the alleged backdating of the deed for Mr. Nixon's pre-Presidential papers to get a tax deduction. The papers were valued at \$576,000.

In a related development, The First National Bank of Albuquerque, N.M., pleaded guilty today of making illegal campaign contributions totaling \$8,000 in 1972 and was fined \$x5,000.

The guilty plea was entered in United States District Court in Albuquerque after the Justice Department filed a five-count "criminal information" charging the bank made the illegal contributions to five political campaigns three years ago.

The maximum penalty on conviction of each count is a \$5,000 fine.

The Justice Department charged that the bank contributed \$3,000 to the successful campaign of Representative Manuel Lujan Jr., Republican of New Mexico; \$2,000 to the unsuccessful senatorial campaign of Jack Daniels, a Democrat; \$1,000 to the unsuccessful senatorial primary campaign of Jesse D. Kornegay, a Democrat; \$1,000 to the unsuccessful senatorial primary campaign of Roberto A. Mondragon, a Democrat, and \$1,000 to President Nixon's re-election campaign.