

Ex-Nixon Aide Chapin Freed From Prison

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Dwight Chapin, 36, former appointments secretary to President Nixon, was released from minimum security federal prison here yesterday after serving seven months and 22 days for lying to the Watergate grand jury.

Released on parole at 6 a.m., Chapin avoided reporters by slipping out a side door, Acting Warden Charles Turnbow said. Chapin was picked up by his family. He is expected to return to Chicago where his wife Susan and two daughters have been living.

Chapin was convicted April 6, 1974, of lying to the grand jury when he denied ordering Donald Segretti to concentrate the Nixon campaign's "dirty tricks" on Senator Edmund Muskie, and when he denied knowing that Segretti had distributed phony campaign letters.

Chapin's original 30-month sentence was shortened on appeal after he wrote U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell that "I have accepted your punishment with a keen awareness that I would not be here if indeed I had not done something

wrong."

Chapin resigned from the White House early in 1973 to become director of marketing research for United Airlines in Chicago, and resigned from that job after his conviction.

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