

4 Guilty in Watergate

Denied Bail Reduction

Four ^{2/1/73} defendants who pleaded guilty to the charges against them in the watergate bugging trial and were imprisoned pending sentencing have been denied a reduction in bail by the U.S. Court on Appeals.

The four men—Virgilio R. Gonzales, Bernard L. Barker, Frank A. Sturgis and Eugenio R. Martinez — were ordered confined in lieu of \$100,000 bond each by Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica after they pleaded guilty to conspiracy, burglary and illegal wiretapping and eavesdropping.

All four men, who are from Miami, were arrested inside the Democratic Party's Watergate headquarters in the early morning hour of June 17. The appellate court's decision came in a brief, unsigned opinion by Circuit Judges Harold Leventhal, Spottswood W. Robinson III and George E. MacKinnon. According to a notation in the opinion, MacKinnon favored setting bail at \$60,000.