Ehrlichman Lawyer Asks Trial Delay

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yesterday that the Water-gate cover-up trial be de-layed or moved from Washpresidential administration." the "virtual toppling of a ington in the aftermath of Ehrlichman asked formally White House aide John D. Attorneys for former

"The trial. . .should be continued for such time as yesterday. yer said in a motion filed in rounding this case to be cooled," Ehrlichman's lawflammatory atmosphere suris necessary to allow the in-District Court here Ehrlichman's law-

tion of future because of the publichave indicated they will file similar motions in the near House and Nixon campaign ity surrounding the resignaaides charged in the case other five Defense attorneys for the former President former White

whether Mr. Nixon might be indicted in connection with it would take on a possible delay of the trial. It also the Watergate cover-up. while, said yesterday it did prosecutor's office, not know yet what position The not Watergate special

ever, it was disclosed yesterthe Watergate affair. Howder way in connection with of other investigations unday in court papers that the fused to discuss the future The prosecutors also re-

> funds by President Nixon's close friend, C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo. alleged misuse of campaign to investigate actively the prosecutors are continuing

privilege against disclosure. asked in the court papers that a judge block Waterunder the attorney-cleint the grounds that they fell for financial records they gate grand jury subpoenas handled for their client on Attorneys for Rebozo

Garth A. Webster said. field, yers handled for Rebozo over a period of 6½ years, attorneys Thomas H. Waketransactions that the law-Robert Hewitt and subpoenas cover

to proceed in this matter with all due caution." gation of the federal grand jury, but are compelled . . . no way impede the investi-They said they "wish in

funds were filtered through those accounts in June, 1972, charged in its final report earrings for Mrs. Nixon. to buy a pair of diamond charged, \$4,500 in campaign stance, personal use. to Rbozo's and Mr. Nixon's paign and funds converted were used to launder camtrust accounts that the Sen-The Watergate subpoenas specifithe In one committee committee

Watergate meanwhile, Defense attorneys in the cover-up continued

> the most part to prepare atcover-up trial scheduled to start before U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica on tempts to at least delay the Sept. 9.

with perjury before various and Parkinson are charged charged with obstruction of tion committee attorney Kenneth Wells Parkinson. All but Mardian are also forums. justice, and all but Mardian Mardian and Nixon re-elecney Attorney General Robert Mitchell; former Assistant don Strachan; former Attoraides in the Watergate cover-up (Bob) Haldeman, and Gorare former White Charged with conspiracy Ehrlichman, General John H. House

mas holidays and this case is scheduled to last at least

locked up over the Christ-

sequestered

juries

keep

three months.

attempts or that they would ant said it was "obvious" motion for a delay, one at-torney for another defendfor the other five men did not join in Ehrlichman's they would be filing similar Although the attorneys Ehrlichman's motion

for a two-month delay so he two different motions, one could Ehrlichman actually filed personally listen

is that judges do not like to The reason, said the sources, either less than one month said that although there is ell-informed sources have due to pretrial publicity. or more than three months. granted probably would be postponement that would be possibility of a delay, any no indication that Judge Sirica has even considered the

postponement to continue to study new tape transcripts evidecne recently released by Mr. Nixon. aruge against oa defense motion for at least a brief known that they would not their official position on the have not announced made possibility of a delay, it is Although the prosecutors

berg-break-in conviction. torneys are currently also pointed out that his atthe two-month continuance paring an appeal of his Ells-Ehrlichman's motion for

separate trial, in light asked that he be granted Ehrlichman also again

White House tapes and the taped conversations between other for an indefinite delay the former President and investigation of the Water-gate affair "establish that which the President orders paucity of evidence against said co-defendants and the degree of evidence against co-defendants in light of the udiced if he is tried with his Mr. Ehrlichman will be prej-Haldeman to block the FBI Those conversations, Haldeman on June 23, 1972. the former President and

fense of the charges." which may be shown in demanifest a verdict of guilty charged in this cause and . . . believe that the trial is regardless of the facts already dissemia mere formality at which defendant Ehrlichman ion cited numerous newspanated in the media would guilty D.C. residents "believe that Ehrlichman's claim resignation story to support per articles during the unfolding of the presidential The pretrial publicity mot of the any offenses that

been so infected by publicity as has this case." of our that "no case in the history The attorneys continued Jurisprudence