

Court Halts McCord's Speech Tour

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U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica has denied permission for convicted Watergate conspirator James J. McCord to continue on a lecture tour.

He is expected to put similar restraints on Watergate defendant Jeb. S. Magruder.

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Sirica denied McCord's request Wednesday after special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox said the tour would generate "additional pretrial publicity" for future defendants in the Watergate case.

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McCord, who has been free on bond since he was convicted earlier this year for participating in the Watergate breakin, already has made one college speech. He told an audience in Springfield, Ill., Wednesday night that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and ex-presidential aides H. R. Haldeman and John D. Erlichman lied to the Senate Watergate committee.

Sirica set a hearing for next Wednesday to clarify the conditions of release for both Magruder and McCord. Magruder, President Nixon's former assistant campaign manager, recently pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice charges. He also

has plans to go on a lecture tour in a few weeks.

Sentencing of both McCord and Magruder has been delayed by Sirica to allow them to cooperate with Federal prosecutors in the case.

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