

Chapin Sentenced To Prison

Washington

Former presidential appointments secretary Dwight Chapin was sentenced yesterday to ten to 30 months in prison for perjury.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell handed Chapin the same penalty on both counts of lying to the Watergate grand jury but said the sentences would run concurrently. He granted Chapin's motion for a stay of sentence pending the outcome of his appeal.

"You apparently chose to place your loyalty to your superiors above your obligations as a citizen," Gesell told Chapin, the second member of the so-called "dirty tricks" team of the

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1972 Nixon re-election campaign to be sentenced.

Chapin, 33, told the judge he had nothing to say. He showed no emotion as sentence was pronounced.

In the audience, his wife, Susan, sat clear-eyed and with arms folded. She and her husband smiled for photographers as they left the courthouse.

Outside, reporters asked Chapin if the White House transcripts reflected how business was conducted there.

"I think the transcripts are but a minute portion of all of the business transacted in the White House," said Chapin, who helped plan Mr. Nixon's 1972 trips to China and Russia.

"I don't think you can take that little piece of history, which may have been the darkest days of Richard Nixon's career, and construct from that a mosaic that tells you all about that man, and I think that is what has happened.

"I don't think it's fair to him and I don't think that's the man I knew, in total."

Chapin said that the sen-

tence was merely "Round One" and that he will carry his case to the Supreme Court if necessary.

"I've always told the truth when questioned under oath — I'm very proud of that," he said.

Chapin is the fifth former Nixon White House aide to be sentenced to prison. Egil Krogh Jr., a deputy presidential assistant, pleaded guilty in the Daniel Ellsberg break-in case and is completing his six months term.

Others on the White House staff who have been sentenced are Herbert L. Porter, G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt.

Chapin refused to discuss with reporters the activities of Donald Segretti, former Treasury Department lawyer who pleaded guilty and served about four months for illegal distribution of campaign literature in the Florida primary.

Chapin was indicted in November on four counts of lying about Segretti's activities to a grand jury shortly after the 1972 break-in at the Democratic offices in the Watergate complex.

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