

Colson, Magruder Glad

Washington

Charles W. Colson's 72-year-old mother and Jeb Magruder's wife, who were visiting their imprisoned loved ones when President Ford announced his decision to pardon former president Nixon, said both men reacted with pleasure — and without bitterness.

has guts." Mrs. Wendell Colson quoted her son as saying as he watched Mr. Ford on television from room in Ft. Detrick in Baltimore, where he is serving the beginning of a one-to-three-year term for obstruction of justice in the case of Pentagon papers figure Daniel Ellsberg.

"I watched Chuck's face," she said. "There was nothing

on it but a look of relief for President Ford."

Gail Magruder, who was with her husband at the federal prison camp in Allenwood, Pa., where he is serving ten months to 4 years for conspiring to obstruct justice in the Watergate cover-up, said that his response had been similar.

"He was very pleased that the President was going to

be spared what he was going through," Mrs. Magruder said. "He was happy, he really was. He didn't want the President to hang the way he was hanging."

The women said they also believed that Mr. Ford's action was a good one. "I bless him for it," Mrs. Colson said. "I bless him for every man he can help. I feel no animosity about it at all. President Nixon has suf-

"I'm glad that President

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ferred enough. My heart goes out to them."

Mrs. Magruder, who said her faith in the concept of equal justice under the law had been shaken long ago, agreed that nothing would be gained by criminal prosecution of the former chief executive.

"I don't think vengeance is a good thing to encourage," she said. "I would be

very unhappy if the country is angry over the President's move. There are too many broken lives and hurt children already. Those who are mad about this are those who have not gone through what we have. I already knew there was no such thing as justice. Justice is a lovely dictionary term, but it doesn't exist in reality."

Mrs. Colson said that she was extremely bitter over

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her son's sentence. She said she is convinced that anguish over Watergate had caused the heart attack that killed her 74-year-old husband ten days ago.

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