Howard Hunt Parole Ruling Delayed

Washington

The U.S. Parole Commission postponed a decision yesterday on whether to grant parole to Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt.

It also denied a request for freedom from David Sylvan Fine, the man convicted in the 1970 bombing of a University of Wisconsin building.

Hunt was one of the seven original Watergate defendants convicted of planning and carrying out the break-in at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in 1972.

He was sentenced to a term of 30 months to eight years after pleading guilty to six charges of conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping. He has been imprisoned for 2½ years.

The commission said the parole bid should be considered by all seven commission members on January 23 because of the prominence of the former CIA agent and author. Only three commissioners attended yesterday's session.

Hunt, 58, is confined at the federal prison camp at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla.

Fine, 24, is serving a seven-year sentence for his part in the bombing of Sterling Hall on the university campus in Madison. The blast killed research physicist Robert Fassnacht and wounded four other persons.

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