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DeMarco and Newman are granted their request for a change of venue by Judge Oliver Gasch of U.S. District Court, WX, who rules they may be tried in their home towns, in California and Illinois respectively. Story says the ruling will, "unless reversed on appeal, deprive the prosecution of various advantages, including the possible advantages of a joint trial." See story for details, and provisions of the statute involved. Trial dates will be set by the judges in the courts to which the cases are sent, if Judge Gasch's opinion withstands appeal.

This is "the first change of venue to be granted in the long line of Watergate cases."

NYTimes 17 Apr 75, Lesley Oelsner

- Spokesman for the prosecution says the office is considering an appeal.

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Ehrlichman - Story on Rep. Paul (Pete) McCloskey says he and Ehrlichman have been friends since 1949, when both were at Stanford University Law School. McCloskey is described as one of the first to call for Nixon's impeachment. "The U.S. invasion of Cambodia in 1970, bitterly opposed by McCloskey and loyally defended by Ehrlichman, put their friendship on ice," but it has since been resumed. Ehrlichman stayed for about two weeks at McCloskey's house in WX during a post-trial appeals proceeding.

"During that visit, McCloskey says he became convinced that Ehrlichman has 'an absolutely genuine and sincere' desire to serve society in some way, as a form of penance. 'John indicated to me that he wanted to spend some time doing whatever menial work he could - perhaps working with retarded children, or helping quadruple amputees, or picking up papers along the highways,' said McCloskey."

SFC 17 Apr 75, Joseph Albright, Chronicle Correspondent,
- See entry 9 May 75, Krogh has been hired WX.

Rep. Paul (Pete) McCloskey - See entry, Ehrlichman.