

KLEINDIENST HINTS BUGGING TRIAL DELAY

MYRTLE BEACH, S. C., Sept. 22 (UPI) — Attorney General Richard L. Kleindienst indicated today that trial of the criminal as well as the civil charges in the Watergate bugging case might not be held until after the November election.

But Mr. Kleindienst said, the final decision on holding the criminal trial will be made "in the main upon circumstances over which the Justice Department has no control."

Mr. Kleindienst also told a news conference that Democratic party charges that the investigation of the Watergate incident was a cover-up and a "whitewash" were "politically motivated statements" and "not in conformity with the facts."

Judge Charles R. Rickey ordered yesterday in United State District Court in Washington that three civil suits stemming from the June 17 bugging of Democratic National Headquarters be delayed until seven men indicted in the case, including two former White House aides, were prosecuted on separate criminal charges.

"Whether or not those persons accused of criminal charge will be tried before or after the election is a matter that does not rest solely with the Justice department," Mr. Kleindienst said after an address to a meeting of United States attorneys and Justice Department officials.