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# Ex-White House Officials Won't Testify Till Mid June

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Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. said yesterday the Senate's Watergate committee will not hear testimony from former White House officials until about mid-June after it completes questioning of President Nixon's re-election aides.

"I would like to have gone directly to the crucial questions," Ervin, the committee

chairman, said in a telephone interview from his home in Morganton, N.C., about the progress of the hearings.

"But we want to develop the case logically, not piecemeal over yonder."

Some criticism of the hearings has surfaced because only relatively minor witnesses have been called during the first two weeks—James W. McCord Jr., the electronics expert on the team that broke into the Democratic offices in the Watergate June 17; John J. Caulfield, who allegedly carried an offer of executive clemency to McCord; Bernard L. Barker, leader of the Watergate team, and Alfred C. Baldwin III, who monitored bugged Democratic conversations and was the team's lookout.

McCord, Baker and Baldwin were paid by the Nixon re-election committee. Caulfield, a former White House aide, hired McCord as security director at the re-election committee.

Ervin said he wanted to "bunch" the testimony of the former White House officials — chief of staff H. R. Haldeman, domestic affairs adviser John W. Dean III and deputy campaign manager Jeb Stuart Magruder, a former White House communications aide.

Ervin said the Justice De-

partment's use of its authority to delay for 30 days the granting of immunity for Dean and Magruder also helped delay critical White House testimony until mid-June.

The Senate hearings are in recess this week and will resume June 5 with testimony from Sally Jackson Harmony, who was secretary to G. Gordon Liddy, convicted as a leader of the Watergate operation and finance counsel for the re-election committee at the time.

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## Alch Said To Pass Lie Test

CHICAGO, May 28 (UPI)—Gerald Alch, former attorney for convicted Watergate conspirator James W. McCord Jr., has taken a lie detector test and reportedly passed it.

Leonard Harrelson, president of the Keeler Polygraph Institute, said Sunday that Alch, who testified before the Senate committee investigating Watergate, and his law partner, F. Lee Bailey, had taken the test.

Alch volunteered during his testimony to take the test because some of his statements conflicted with McCord's.

Harrelson would not reveal the results of the tests. But, "If I were them, I sure as hell wouldn't worry about the results," he said.

The Boston Sunday Herald Advertiser said sources in Chicago told it Alch passed the test.

Harrelson did not say what questions were asked, when the tests were administered nor who commissioned them.

In Boston, Alch said the tests began Friday and were completed Saturday.

"I can't go into the questions or the results of the test because I want the Senate Watergate committee to be informed first," Alch said . . . I will say this . . . as far as the results are concerned, there is a smile on my face."