

McCord's Move to Upset His Conviction

Washington

Attorneys for James W. McCord Jr. moved in federal court yesterday for reversal of his conviction in the Watergate case on the grounds that some of the witnesses lied and the government withheld information.

Attorney Bernard Fensterwald said, because of the disclosures in subsequent investigations of the Watergate scandal, he has asked U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica to order McCord acquitted or grant him a new trial.

McCord, former security director for President Nixon's re-election committee, and six others were convicted in January on charges stemming from the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic

National Committee headquarters.

Senate Watergate Committee witnesses have testified that two Nixon campaign officials, Jeb Stuart Magruder and Herbert L. Porter, perjured themselves at the Watergate trial.

In a related Watergate development yesterday, Sirica said he will rule Tuesday morning, moments before the Senate committee resumes its hearings, whether television and radio coverage of the testimony of key witnesses should be banned.

Special prosecutor Archibald Cox asked for the ban on the grounds the widespread publicity could impede his investigation and seriously threaten the possibility of a fair trial.

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