

McCord and Magruder Talks Barred

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 (AP) — Federal Judge John J. Sirica silenced two major figures in the Watergate scandal today, calling it a disgrace that criminals could "profit by their wrongdoing" by traveling the lecture circuit.

The chief United States district judge here ordered the convicted burglar James W. McCord Jr. and the confessed conspirator Jeb Stuart Magruder to refrain from making public addresses or granting interviews if they wanted to remain free pending sentencing.

The judge did agree to grant both men unlimited travel privileges within the United States to permit them to carry on their business affairs.

Magruder, a former White House aide and deputy director of the Committee for the Re-election of the President, told Judge Sirica in a letter that the only reason he had considered a speaking tour was because "I now find myself in financial difficulty." He said that he had not planned to discuss substantive Watergate issues.

McCord's lawyer, Bernard Fensterwald, said at the hearing today that he understood the judge was trying to restrict prejudicial pretrial publicity in the Watergate case. He proposed that McCord be permitted to make speeches outside a 100-mile radius of Washington with no radio or television coverage permitted.

Judge Sirica replied that his



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Jeb Stuart Magruder, left, and James W. McCord Jr. as they arrived at Federal Court in Washington yesterday.

concern was not only for the constitutional rights of those who might still be indicted. "I don't understand and don't think it's fair for Mr. McCord and Mr. Magruder to profit by their wrongdoing," he said. "To me this is a disgrace."

McCord received \$2,000 for a speech last week at a state university in Springfield, Ill.

Mr. Fensterwald said that McCord wished to speak to church and religious groups as "a matter of conscience."

McCord, who was the re-elec-

tion committee's security director when he was arrested in an attempt to bug the Democrats' Watergate headquarters last year, was found guilty but Judge Sirica postponed sentencing to encourage him to cooperate with Government prosecutors and the Senate Watergate committee.

Magruder was permitted to plead guilty to a single charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice in the Watergate affair in exchange for his cooperation with the authorities.