

## Sirica Order On Magruder, McCord Hit

NEW YORK, Sept. 13 (AP)

—The American Civil Liberties Union today protested the ruling of U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica last week gagging Watergate figures Jeb Stuart Magruder and James W. McCord Jr. until after they are sentenced.

Sirica ruled that both men had to stop giving lectures and talks on the Watergate affair.

Aryeh Neier, executive director of the ACLU, said his group considers the order illegal and "an unconstitutional restriction on the First Amendment rights of the two

individuals involved."

In his ruling, the Washington judge stated that if Magruder and McCord violated the order by making public addresses, giving lectures or granting press interviews, he would revoke their bail.

Neier said that the order was "just as illegal as an order forbidding them from going to church or reading newspapers until sentencing. The federal courts have made clear that a citizen does not lose his First Amendment rights because he is arrested, charged or convicted of a crime."

The director added that the organization did not represent or "purport to speak" on behalf of either of the defendants.