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**SEGRETTI IS GIVEN
A SIX-MONTH TERM**

**Watergate Unit Tells Sirica
Dean Admitted Destroying
Some of Hunt's Papers**

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 —

Donald H. Segretti was sentenced today in United States District Court to six months in prison for his efforts to disrupt the 1972 Democratic Presidential primary in Florida.

In another courtroom a few paces down the corridor in the Federal courthouse here, the Watergate prosecutor's office disclosed that John W. Dean 3d, the former White House counsel, had admitted to having destroyed two notebooks and an address book that belonged to E. Howard Hunt Jr.

Richard Ben-Veniste, an assistant special prosecutor, told the court of Dean's admission as Judge John S. Sirica began to hear arguments from lawyers for Hunt and five other original Watergate defendants who are seeking to have their

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guilty pleas or verdicts overturned.

Mr. Ben-Veniste said Dean told investigators that he had discovered the notebooks and address book last January in a file in his office that contained material about President Nixon's estate plans, on which Dean had worked.

The notebooks and address book had been removed from Hunt's safe by White House officials after the Watergate burglary in June, 1972. There was no explanation of how they had turned up in the estate file.

Segretti, according to his testimony for the Senate Watergate committee, was hired by White House officials to run a political sabotage operation against Democratic candidates for the Presidency last year.

Segretti had pleaded guilty last month to three violations of Federal election laws. He could have received a maximum sentence of three years in prison and a 3,000 fine.

Two of the charges against Segretti involved distributing a phony letter on the stolen stationery of Senator Edmund S.

Muskie that accused two of Mr. Muskie's primary opponents, Senators Hubert H. Humphrey and Henry M. Jackson, of sexual misconduct.

Wallace Card at Rally

The third count involved a card distributed at a rally for Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama that read, "If you liked Hitler, you'll love Wallace. Vote for Muskie."

Segretti is the third person to receive a final sentence for illegal activities in what is broadly called the Watergate scandal.

G. Gordon Liddy, who supposedly designed the plan that led to the burglary at the Democratic National headquarters in the Watergate complex in Washington, has been sentenced to from six years, eight months to 20 years in prison. He has refused to cooperate with authorities seeking further indictments.

George A. Hearing, one of Segretti's accomplices during the Florida primary, pleaded guilty to a violation of election laws and is serving a one-year prison sentence.

Judge Sirica announced today that, if he did not overturn the convictions of the six other original Watergate defendants, he would give them their final sentences by Friday.

In addition to Hunt, the six are James W. McCord Jr., Bernard L. Barker, Virgilio R. Gonzalez, Eugenio R. Martinez and Frank A. Sturgis.

McCord's sentence was deferred after the trial last January. The others have been serving provisional maximum sentences of up to 40 years, but Judge Sirica has said that his final sentences would be less than the maximum.

Segretti, a 32-year-old lawyer, appeared pale and on the verge of tears as he stood before Judge Gerhard A. Gesell.

After taking a few moments to gather his composure, Segretti told the judge in a choking voice, barely audible throughout the courtroom, "I regret that I got involved in illegal acts. I would like to become a productive citizen again."

Afterward, Segretti told reporters that he believed the sentence was "fair."

"I'm certainly not looking

forward to it," Segretti said. "But now I can start getting my life back together again. The last year has been an absolute nightmare for me."

Judge Gesell also placed Segretti on probation for three years. He gave Segretti a week to get his affairs in order and said that he would then be assigned to a minimum security prison.

Client's Plight Cited

Segretti's lawyer, Victor Sherman, told the judge that his client had only \$5 to his name and was more than \$10,000 in debt.

In his testimony before the Senate Watergate committee in September, Segretti said that he had been hired by Dwight L. Chapin and Gordon C. Strachan, two former college friends who were then working in the White House. Segretti said that he had been paid by President Nixon's former personal attorney, Herbert W. Kalmbach, apparently from funds contributed to the President's election campaign.

In an affidavit filed with the court, the special prosecution force said that Segretti had been cooperating with officials for several months and that his cooperation had led to significant investigations.

The disclosure that Dean had destroyed the notebooks and address book that were removed from Hunt's safe cleared up a mystery that had persisted during the Watergate investigation.

Mr. Ben-Veniste told Judge Sirica, chief judge of the district court here that Dean informed the prosecutors Friday that he had shredded the two thin, cardboard-covered notebooks and had thrown the pop-up address book back into a trash can so it would be destroyed.

Dean pleaded guilty last month to conspiring to obstruct justice and defraud the Government. Since then, he has been cooperating with prosecutors who are seeking indictments against other officials.