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Chapin Set To Deny Lies To Jurors

Former presidential appointments secretary Dwight L. Chapin will plead not guilty to charges of lying to a grand jury at his arraignment before U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell this morning, according to papers filed by Chapin's attorneys yesterday.

The attorneys, Jacob Stein and Gerard E. Mitchell, gave notice of that intended plea in motions asking that they be allowed to file several other pretrial motions after Chapin is arraigned.

They said they will ask in their future motions that the indictment against Chapin be dismissed because of prejudicial pretrial publicity, or that the case be transferred to another district because of prejudicial pretrial publicity.

"Counsel also intend to examine the composition of the indicting grand jury and the manner in which its indictment was executed," the attorneys said. "This examination may lead to filing of a motion or motions to dismiss the indictment."

They asked that they be given 30 days within which to file the motions.