

Former Nixon Aide

Given Trial Delay

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tary Dwight L. Chapin has been postponed until April 1.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell granted the delay yesterday at the request of Chapin's attorneys, who said they had not had enough time to prepare their defense. The trial had been scheduled to begin Feb. 19.

Chapin has pleaded innocent to charges of making false statements to a grand jury investigating the activities of convicted campaign saboteur Donald Segretti.

In other Watergate-related events yesterday, U.S. District Chief Judge John J. Sirica swore in a third federal grand jury here to investigate the Watergate scandal. It was not immediately known what aspects of the scandal the jury would investigate.

Shortly after the swearing-in ceremony, Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski met briefly with Judge Sirica. Jaworski, who asked for the third grand jury to be empaneled to lighten the workload of two other Watergate grand juries here, would not comment on his meeting with the judge.

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