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**EHRlichman BARS
PLEA BARGAINING
WITH PROSECUTOR**

**Rejects Bid to Let Him Plead
Guilty to Single Count in
Exchange for His Aid**

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 27—John D. Ehrlichman, offered an opportunity to plead guilty to a single Federal charge in exchange for his cooperation with the Watergate special prosecutor, has turned down the proposal.

Frank H. Strickler, one of Mr. Ehrlichman's lawyers, confirmed today that such an offer was made in the last two weeks by the special prosecutor, Leon Jaworski, in a letter to Mr. Ehrlichman's California lawyer, Joseph A. Ball.

Mr. Ehrlichman, the former second-in-command on the White House staff, has pleaded not guilty to state charges of burglary conspiracy and perjury in California in connection with the entry into the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, Dr. Lewis F. Fielding, of Beverly Hills.

Possible Indictment Hinted

He has not been named in any indictments returned thus far in the Watergate case, though Mr. Strickler conceded that one might be brought against him.

"I wouldn't be surprised at one," he said.

Mr. Strickler said the letter from Mr. Jaworski had offered to allow Mr. Ehrlichman to plead guilty to a single count of violating Dr. Fielding's civil rights.

In return, Mr. Ehrlichman would be expected to cooperate with Watergate investigators and would avoid any other possible charges in the case.

"His feeling was that he would not plead guilty to something that he did not believe he was guilty of doing," Mr. Strickler said.

Recalls Krogh Bargaining

The plea-bargaining attempt, first reported today in The Los Angeles Times, was similar to one that was successfully negotiated with Egil Krogh Jr., another of the men originally indicted in the Fielding burglary.

Mr. Krogh is serving a six-

month sentence at a Federal prison camp in Allenwood, Pa., and all other charges against him, including the California state charges, have been dropped.

The Fielding break-in was the work of the "plumbers," a name given a special investigation unit at the White House that operated in 1971.

Mr. Krogh, David R. Young Jr., G. Gordon Liddy and E. Howard Hunt Jr. made up the unit that Mr. Krogh said, operated under Mr. Ehrlichman.

Mr. Hunt and Mr. Liddy were both convicted for their part in the June 17, 1972, burglary of the Democratic national headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington.

Both have appealed their convictions.

Mr. Young and Mr. Liddy were also indicted in the California case and pleaded not guilty.

The break-in at Dr. Fielding's office was a search for derogatory material on Dr. Ellsberg.

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Mr. Krogh has said. Though the mission failed, the burglary and wiretapping and other Government misconduct led to the dismissal of charges against Dr. Ellsberg. He was on trial on charges that included theft of The Pentagon papers—classified Government documents about the involvement of the United States in the Vietnam war.

In a related Watergate matter, the Senate Judiciary Committee has decided against calling Mr. Jaworski before it to testify on the White House refusal to turn over any more documents to his investigation. Mr. Jaworski had informed the committee in a letter of the White House refusal.

The chairman, Senator James O. Eastland, Democrat of Mississippi, and Senator Philip A. Hart, Democrat of Michigan, are preparing an answer to the letter.