

Prison Term

Nixon Campaign Aide Released

Washington

Donald H. Segretti, the 32-year-old California lawyer who pleaded guilty to committing "dirty tricks" in the 1972 Nixon primary campaign, has been released from prison, the Justice Department announced yesterday.

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He was released at 12.10 a.m. Monday after serving four months and 20 days of a six-month term.

His early release came through "good time" earned at the rate of five days a month, his lawyer, Victor Sherman, said.

Segretti still faces disbarment action in California.

Segretti had served his sentence at the federal minimum security prison at Lompoc, Calif., but his re-

lease was from a custodial facility in the Washington-Baltimore area, the Justice Department said.

Segretti pleaded guilty last October 1 to three misdemeanor counts of distributing illegal campaign literature, a violation of campaign laws.

He was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell on November 5 to serve six months of a three-year term at Lompoc.

Segretti was charged with conspiracy and distributing campaign literature. The indictment, which did not identify the organization or the individual responsible for it, was handed down in Tampa, Fla.

Segretti had testified before the Senate Watergate Committee that he was re-



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DONALD SEGRETTI
'Dirty tricks'

cruited for his work by former Nixon appointments secretary Dwight L. Chapin, who is scheduled to go on trial next Monday. Chapin is charged with four counts of lying to a grand jury about Segretti.

Segretti was brought back to the Washington area to be questioned by investigators for Special Watergate Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, said a spokesman for the U.S. Marshal's office.

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