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Chapin Jury

Not Close

To Verdict

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The jury trying Dwight L. Chapin on perjury charges reported last night it was nowhere near a verdict and asked to deliberate further today.

After discussing the case for four hours, the jury was called in by U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell and asked, "Is the jury close to a verdict?"

"No, sir," said Charles L. Wesley, the jury foreman.

The seven men and five women then decided to postpone further deliberations until today.

The jury began deliberations yesterday afternoon after only two days of testimony.

Its choice is to decide whether there was "a pattern of deceit, a pattern of lies," as the government claimed, or whether Chapin told the truth as he remembered it.

The 33-year-old Chapin, who now lives in a Chicago suburb, was charged on three counts with making false statements last April 11 when one of the Watergate grand juries questioned him about the political sabotage executed by Donald H. Segretti during the 1972 primary campaigns.

Chapin had recruited Segretti for the job.

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