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Chapin Evidence Called Ample

The Watergate special prosecutor's office yesterday said that the evidence it presented against former presidential appointments secretary Dwight L. Chapin in a three-day trial here last month was "more than sufficient" to support the guilty verdicts returned by a U.S. District Court jury.

Chapin was convicted on two counts of lying to a federal grand jury investigating the activities of political saboteur Donald Segretti, and acquitted on one such count. He is scheduled for sentencing May 15.

The government's reinforcement of its case came in a motion filed in response to Chapin's plea for a new trial or a directed verdict of acquittal by U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell.