

Dwight Chapin Denied A New Perjury Trial

Washington

Dwight L. Chapin, President Nixon's former appointments secretary, was denied a new trial of his perjury conviction yesterday, by a federal judge who said "the proof that the defendant deliberately lied was overwhelming."

Chapin was convicted on April 5 on two counts of lying to the FBI in its investigation of campaign dirty tricks and faces sentencing on May 15.

He had asked for a new trial on grounds that prejudicial evidence was introduced, that he was not granted a change in the trial site and that the jury failed to follow the judge's instructions.

"The motions are unsupported by any new facts and speak only in generalized

conclusions," U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell said in denying requests for a judgment of acquittal and a new trial.

Chapin could be sentenced to a maximum of five years and a \$10,000 fine on each of the two counts. He was charged with lying when questioned by the grand jury about the activities of Donald H. Segretti, whom he had hired as a political saboteur.

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