

# Prison term for Magruder

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WASHINGTON — Jeb Stuart Magruder, the No. 2 man in President Nixon's re-election campaign, was sentenced today to serve 10 months in prison for helping plan the Watergate break-in, bugging and cover-up.

U.S. District Judge John Sirica ordered that Magruder serve a 10-month to four-year term in a minimum security institution and gave him until June 4 to begin it.

Magruder was the first Nixon insider publicly to admit his own involvement in the Watergate case and the first publicly to accuse others.

"My ambition obscured my judgement," Magruder told Sirica in a brief statement, adding that he still doesn't know how he surrendered "my moral precepts."

"I know what I have done," he said. "I'm confident the country will survive Watergate and Jeb Magruder."

Magruder's lawyer, James Sharp, told the judge that Magruder has already been punished in the 13 months since he first told of his role in Watergate to federal prosecutors.

Magruder was the sixth former White House aide to be sentenced to prison. He pleaded guilty Aug. 16 to a single count of conspiracy to intercept communications unlawfully, to obstruct justice and to defraud the United States of America.

Sirica could have sentenced Magruder to a maximum five years in prison and fined him \$10,000.

Dressed in a gray pinstriped suit and a striped shirt, Magruder told of seeing "the confusion in the eyes of my children, the heartbreak in the eyes of my wife, the contempt in the eyes of others."

Magruder, 39, was a special assistant to President Nixon for 1½ years, then left the White House in May, 1971, to become deputy director of the President's re-election campaign, eventually under former Attorney General John Mitchell.

He testified that Mitchell approved the break-in at Democratic party headquarters, that the former attorney general received the fruits of the wiretaps, and that he, Magruder, participated in the cover-up through lies, inducing others to lie, concealing evidence and raising hush money.