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McCord Says Colson Has the Proof

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Convicted Watergate burglar James W. McCord Jr. said yesterday he believes former presidential aide Charles W. Colson's testimony will prove that President Nixon authorized the Watergate break-in.

Speaking to reporters after his lawyers appealed his conviction in arguments before the U.S. court of appeals here, McCord also was asked whether he believes Mr. Nixon authorized the Watergate break-in.

"I sure do," he said. "You betcha."

McCord, security chief for the Committee to Re - elect

the President at the time of the June 17, 1972 break-in, told the Senate Watergate committee last summer he had no direct knowledge that Mr. Nixon was involved.

McCord said the public still does not have the full story about Watergate, but Colson — who pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice in the Ellsberg case — should be able to supply missing links when he testifies under an agreement reached with government prosecutors.

"I think Mr. Colson still has some missing pieces to this," McCord said.

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