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WASHINGTON — Former White House aide John D. Ehrlichman plans to seek written answers to questions from President Nixon and to subpoena Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and White House chief of staff Alexander M. Haig Jr. to testify as defense witnesses in the plumbers trial, an informed source said yesterday.

Ehrlichman, once Nixon's chief domestic adviser, goes on trial June 26 with three others on charges on conspiring to violate the civil rights of Dr. Lewis Fielding, psychiatrist to Daniel Ellsberg.

Ehrlichman's plan represents a change from previous defense intentions in the case. The source disclosed that earlier this month Ehrlichman had subpoenaed Nixon, Kissinger, Haig, and White House counsel J. Fred Buzhardt, a chief legal adviser on Watergate to Nixon, to testify as defense witnesses.

These subpoenas were returnable on June 17, the original date for the trial to begin. But on Friday, U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell set a new trial date of June 26, making the previous subpoenas moot.