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John Ehrlichman's inclusion of two black attorneys on his defense team during his trial seems to be a prime example of the cynicism and cunning that has characterized Nixon and his masters of deceit and trickery.

In the countless news photos and television appearances of Ehrlichman since the Watergate mess surfaced, I have never before seen him flanked by any black faces. During the Senate Watergate hearings he had a white attorney — a white attorney who referred to a United States senator as "that little Jap."

But now that two-thirds of the jury will be black, he apparently has decided that "black" might be a beautiful color to have in his corner.

However competent these black attorneys may be, you can be sure he selected them only because of their color, hoping to influence the decision of the black jurors.

Although he must surely realize these jurors will see through his scheme, he must be gambling that "racism" will play a part in their decision . . .

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Ehrlichman was found guilty Friday of three counts of perjury and one count of conspiracy. — Editor