

# Ehrlichman Makes New Bid for Delay

Washington

Former presidential aide John Ehrlichman, in another move to postpone the Watergate coverup trial, complained yesterday that President Ford has denied him access to personal papers still at the White House.

Ehrlichman's was one of several documents presented in U.S. Court of Appeals by attorneys for the coverup defendants seeking to overturn Judge John Sirica's ruling that the trial must begin September 9 as scheduled.

The court had set a noon deadline for presentation of arguments on behalf of the six men charged with conspiring to cover up White House and Nixon re-election committee involvement in the Watergate burglary.

Four of the six including Ehrlichman, have asked the U.S. Court of Appeals here

to reverse Sirica's ruling and grant a delay to allow further preparations by the defense.

Special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski has said he would not object to "a reasonable delay, perhaps two weeks."

The five-page pleading presented to Sirica by Ehrlichman's defense counsel said: "Mr. Ehrlichman has attempted to examine his papers which are now in the possession, custody and control of the President of the United States.

"President Gerald R. Ford, through his counsel Phillip W. Buchen, has advised that Mr. Ehrlichman is not permitted to examine his papers at this time, although he may be permitted to examine them at some future, unspecified date."

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