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Segretti Calls Nixon Pardon 'Premature'

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Donal Segretti, one of the first Watergate figures to serve a prison term for his role in the scandal, said late yesterday the decision 'leaves a lot of unanswered questions.'

Segretti was in charge of the so-called "Dirty Tricks" department of the former President's 1972 campaign. He pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy and three counts of distributing illegal literature.

"I suppose Ford was in a damned-if-I-do or damned-if-I-don't dilemma," Segretti said. "Neither I nor anyone else relish Nixon or any other President going to jail for any kind of crime."

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