

# Watergate Burglar Flays Nixon Pardon

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James McCord, one of seven men convicted of the Watergate break-in, has criticized President Ford's pardoning of Richard M. Nixon and says he would not accept such a pardon for himself under any circumstances.

"President Ford has corrupted the whole Judicial systems," McCord said in an interview with the Montgomery County Sentinel. "If Ford offered me a pardon, it would compound the corruption."

McCord, who owns a security consultant firm in Rockville, was convicted

early last year of the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters. His later note to U.S. District Court Judge John Sirica that perjury had been committed during the trial helped to break the cover-up.

He is currently free on bail and has appealed his case to the U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington.

"It trust my fate with the courts," McCord said. "I'm not bitter, but the system is now working. There is no sense of fairness to the other defendants in the case."