

Ehrlichman Asks Trial Delay-- Nixon's Health

Washington

Former White House aide John Ehrlichman yesterday asked Judge John J. Sirica to grant a delay of up to three months in the Watergate coverup trial because he said, former President Nixon's "personal appearance at the trial is indispensable" to his defense.

In a one-paragraph request, Ehrlichman told Sirica that "recent public accounts of Mr. Nixon's health suggest that he may be physically unable to testify when called at the trial as now set."

He said the trial, now scheduled to begin October 1 for himself and five other defendants in the Watergate coverup case, should be postponed because Mr. Nixon's personal testimony is required.

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