

Appeals for Watergate Trial Delay Refused

Washington

Supreme Court Justice William Brennan Jr. yesterday denied separate requests by defendants H.R. Haldeman and Gordon Strachan for a delay in the Watergate coverup trial scheduled to begin October 1.

The requests, submitted earlier in the day to hospitalized Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, were referred to

Brennan, who simply wrote the word "denied" on both.

Haldeman argued the trial should be delayed until after the Supreme Court convenes a new term October 7 so the justices could decide his previous petition claiming that the six defendants were illegally indicted by a grand jury that was extended by Congress beyond its normal 18-month term.

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