

Cover-Up Trial Witness List Disclosed

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Most of the government's witnesses at the Watergate cover-up trial were listed publicly yesterday for the first time.

Defense lawyers for former Attorney General John N. Mitchell disclosed 26 of the names in court pleadings filed with U.S. District Court Judge John J. Sirica.

Meanwhile, Supreme Court Justice William J. Brennan refused a new request for a delay of the Oct. 1 trial by lawyers for former White House chief of staff H.R. (Bob) Haldeman.

Haldeman's petition was submitted yesterday morning to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, but it was referred to Brennan. Burger has been hospitalized with injuries suffered in a bicycle accident.

Brennan also denied a request for a postponement by another cover-up trial defendant, former White House aide Gordon C. Strachan.

Haldeman had asked that the trial be held up until the Supreme Court could rule on his contention that the Watergate grand jury was illegally constituted when it returned the cover-up indictment last March 1.

Strachan asked for a delay until he can seek Supreme Court review of his claims that the indictment against him was tainted by evidence that he himself supplied to government prosecutors after

being assured that it would not be used against him.

With the trial likely to begin on schedule despite the last burst of appeals, Mitchell's lawyers handed Judge Sirica a barrage of proposed questions for prospective trial jurors. The inquiries included a partial list of the government's witnesses as well as those Mitchell might call in his defense.

Watergate prosecutors indicated they had more than 40 witnesses whom they plan to call.

Among them are:

- Former CIA director Richard Helms, assistant CIA director Vernon Walters and former FBI director L. Patrick Gray, all of whom were involved in an alleged White House effort to use the CIA in limiting the original Watergate investigation.

- Former White House and 1972 Nixon campaign aides John W. Dean III, Jeb Stuart Magruder and Frederick C. LaRue, all of whom already have pleaded guilty to conspiring to obstruct justice in the Watergate scandal.

- Joan C. Hall, who was once secretary to former White House aide Charles W. Colson, and David I. Shapiro,

who was Colson's law partner after Colson left the White House. Colson himself has been named as a co-conspirator in the alleged cover-up but is no longer a defendant because he pleaded guilty in another case.

Fred Asbel, who worked under LaRue at the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, and other CRP aides including Hugh W. Sloan, Herbert L. Porter and Robert Reisner.

- Convicted Watergate conspirators E. Howard Hunt and James W. McCord Jr.

Hunt's former lawyer William O. Bittman; former CRP lawyer Paul L. O'Brien and other men, Manyon M. Millican and Sherman Unger, whose testimony apparently is needed in connection with the delivery of \$75,000 in "hush money" for Hunt.

Former Democratic National Committee Chairman Lawrence O'Brien and Assistant Attorney General Henry E. Petersen, who was in overall command of the original investigation of the 1972 break-in and bugging at Democratic headquarters here.

Other government witnesses listed are President Nixon's

former personal lawyer, Herbert W. Kalmbach; former Nixon White House aides Alexander P. Butterfield, Fred F. Fielding and Egil Krogh Jr.; FBI agent Daniel C. Mahan, who took part in the original Watergate investigation, and Anthony Ulasewicz, a former New York City policeman who served as an undercover operative for the Nixon White House.

Mitchell's lawyers said it was not yet certain that he would call any witnesses in his defense, but they said those who might be called are:

- Former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, former Nixon campaign finance chairman Maurice Stans, and Colson.

- Nixon White House lawyers and aides including J. Fred Buzhardt, Leonard Garment, and Richard Moore.

- Samuel Dash, former chief counsel to the Senate Watergate committee, and former CRP officials Harry Flemming and Powell Moore.

Asked why Dash was being considered as a defense witness, one of Mitchell's attorneys William G. Hundley, said only: "We wanted to look representative."