The Watergate Defendants' New Plan for Delay

Washington

Defendants in the Watergate coverup trial, scheduled to start next Tuesday, yesterday renewed their pleas to the Supreme Court for a delay.

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former presidential assistant H.R. Haldeman, citing a "tidal wave of prejudicial publicity," filed a new petition for a stay of the U.S. District Court proceedings.

And former White House aide Gordon Strachan, rebuffed by Justice William .J Brennan Jr., turned to Justice Lewis F. . Powell Jr. in his bid for a postponement.

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