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**2 NIXON AIDES PUT
COVER-UP BLAME
ON EX-PRESIDENT**

**Ehrlichman and Haldeman
Say They Urged Him in '72
to Make Full Disclosure**

SIRICA IMPANELS A JURY

**Members Are Sequestered
—Opening Arguments in
Trial Set for Monday**

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 — John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman contended in legal papers made public today that they urged President Nixon in the summer of 1972 to make "a full and complete disclosure" of the Watergate affair.

The papers, in which the two former Nixon aides also make numerous other assertions, seek to place much of the blame for the Watergate cover-up on Mr. Nixon, who cannot be prosecuted for it because of his pardon by President Ford.

Mr. Ehrlichman and Mr. Haldeman are among the five former White House and Nixon campaign aides on trial in the Watergate case. They made their assertions in an effort to show that they needed President Nixon's testimony for their defense, saying in effect, that Mr. Nixon would help to prove their innocence.

Papers Are Unsealed

Judge John J. Sirica impaneled today a jury of nine women and three men for the trial. The Haldeman and Ehrlichman papers had been placed under seal during jury selection, lest press reports prejudice the jurors.

This afternoon, the jury having been sworn and sequestered and opening arguments scheduled for Monday, the judge unsealed the papers and a number of other court documents including two motions by Mr. Nixon to quash subpoenas commanding his presence at the cover-up trial.

Mr. Nixon, who had been subpoenaed by both the Watergate special prosecution and by

Mr. Ehrlichman—and who is apparently in the process of being subpoenaed by Mr. Haldeman—argued that his health prevented his appearance.

He also argued that testimony and documents sought by Mr. Ehrlichman were covered by executive privilege—the same argument he made during the long battles over subpoenas for White House tape recordings.

No Comment Now

Judge Sirica said today that the lawyers in the case—who had also been barred from seeing the Nixon motions until today—would have until Wednesday to file responses, and that a hearing would be held subsequently.

A member of the Washington law firm that is representing Mr. Nixon said tonight that lawyers there had not yet seen the Haldeman and Ehrlichman papers, and that the firm could thus not comment on the as-

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assertions in them.

Mr. Nixon admitted last August—in a statement that led to his resignation—at least some responsibility for the cover-up, saying that six days after Watergate he ordered a halt to the investigation of the break-in for political as well as national security reasons.

His defenders, however, have generally placed much of the blame on White House and campaign aides.

The Haldeman and Ehrlichman documents made public today, technically, were requests to Judge Sirica for a postponement of the trial so the two defendants could take

Mr. Nixon's testimony by deposition.

The defendants, who filed their requests separately, argued that Mr. Nixon would probably be too ill to testify in person at the trial. They said that they would thus have to take depositions, but that Mr. Nixon's health prevented them from getting the depositions immediately—and that as a result since the testimony would be "exculpatory," they should not have to go to trial without it.

Mr. Ehrlichman—who said that he wanted to take the deposition on video tape—filed his motion several weeks ago, and Judge Sirica's office disclosed today that the motion had been denied. Mr. Haldeman

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filed his this week, on Wednesday, and it is pending.

Whatever the outcome, Mr. Haldeman's motion, like Mr. Ehrlichman's, appears to forecast the type of defense that will be presented at the trial.

Both men contended in their motions that Mr. Nixon would be able to testify about a variety of "unrecorded conversations" they had held with him. Presumably, this testimony would be in rebuttal to the more than 30 White House tape recordings, many of them of Nixon-Haldeman-Ehrlichman conversations, that the prosecution intends to produce at the trial.

In some places the two men's motions are almost identical, although they have different lawyers and supposedly different defense strategies. For instance, each contends that Mr. Nixon would be able to describe conversations in late July and in August, 1972, in which each, individually, told Mr. Nixon to make a "full and complete disclosure of all known facts concerning Watergate."

But they also make additional personal claims. Mr. Ehrlichman says that Mr. Nixon could testify about unrecorded conversations in which "instructions were given that all matters pertaining" to the White House unit known as the "plumbers," which was involved in Watergate, "were impressed with the highest security classification and were not to be revealed by an Gov-

ernment employe or other person having knowledge of them."

List of Jurors

WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 (AP) —Following are the jurors seated today for the Watergate cover-up trial:

- Sandra V. Young, 28, a pharmacist's assistant.
- Dock Reid, 60, hotel doorman.
- Gladys E. Carter, 40, hospital office machine operator.
- Ruth C. Gould, 57, loan specialist, Department of Agriculture.
- Vanetta N. Metoyer, 49, variety store counter girl.
- Marjorie M. Milbourn, 55, retired international relations officer.
- John A. Hoffar, 57, retired supervisor, Department of Interior.
- Jane N. Ryon, 63, retired secretary, Department of Justice.
- Roy V. Carter, 27, logistics coordinator, George Washington University.
- Anita E. King, 57, matron, District of Columbia schools.
- Thelma L. Wells, 68, unemployed.
- Lucille F. Plunkett, 59, coffee maker for a government agency.
- Alternates are:
 - Helen D. Pratt, 63, retired maid.
 - May Smith, 67, retired accounting clerk, General Services Administration.
 - Jean S. Foster, 43, postal clerk.
 - Sylvia T. Hall, 34, laundry clerk.
 - Elsie D. Miller, 45, postal service clerk.
 - Joanne L. Williams, 23, housewife.



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The jurors chosen for the trial of five defendants in the Watergate cover-up trial at court in Washington