

Family Day for Coverup Jury

Washington

For the jury in the Watergate cover-up trial Thanksgiving is to be a day-long reunion with their families under the close watch of deputy U.S. marshals.

At a Washington hotel, which officials declined to name, preparations were made yesterday to serve the 12 jurors, five alternates, members of their families and 17 marshals traditional dinners of turkey, stuffing and cranberry sauce.

In all, plans were made to serve 76 persons in a single banquet room, where television sets are to be provided for watching football.

Horace Webb, a spokesman for the U.S. Marshals office, said that during the day, as jurors or alternates break off into family groups, a deputy marshal would sit on each conversation to make sure the cover-up trial is not discussed.

Members of the jury are prohibited from discussing the case until they begin final deliberations on the guilt or innocence of the five defendants, who are all free pending the verdict.

U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica has said he believes the trial will be over in time for the jury to spend Christmas at home.

In the 42 days since the jury was first sequestered, they have been living at the Mid Town Motel, a yellow brick building along

the edge of a district of pornography shops and go-go dancer joints in downtown Washington.

Webb said Chief Deputy U.S. Marshall James Gardner was turned down in an attempt to purchase Washington Redskin football tickets for any of the team's home games while the jury is still likely to be sequestered.

"They told us they were sold out for the year and had no tickets," Webb said.

The spokesman said the Baltimore Colts ticket office was more receptive and arrangements may be made for the jury to see a home game there over the next few weeks.

This Saturday, as on previous Saturdays, the jurors will be allowed to attend to personal matters, such as visits to barber shops or hairdressers, always in the company of a deputy marshal. Visits home to take care of laundry or to pick up personal items are also okayed, once again always in the company of a deputy marshal.

Sundays have been devoted to excursions to the Amish country of Pennsylvania, George Washington's home at Mount Vernon, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Harper's Ferry W.Va. and this week a super-theatre in suburban Maryland.

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