

Holiday Feast Set For Cover-Up Jury

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For the jury in the Water-gate 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 enough televisions are to be provided for watching turkey day football.

Horace Webb, a spokesman for the U.S. marshal's office, said that during the day, as jurors or alternates break off into family groups, a deputy marshal would sit in 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 Court 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 Motor Inn, a yellow-brick building at 12th and K streets NW.

Their Thanksgiving day is to be spent away from there.

Webb said three weeks ago Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal James Gardner was turned down in an attempt to purchase Washington Redskin football tickets for the jury.

"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 allowed, 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 supper theater in suburban Maryland.