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Doesn't Want

Ehrlichman

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A member of the New Mexico House of Representatives said yesterday he doesn't want John Ehrlichman coming to New Mexico to "do penance" for his conviction in the Watergate scandals.

Leo Watchman (Dem-San Juan-McKinley), a Navajo, said on the House floor he had read "an individual (Ehrlichman) involved in Watergate is going to do penance on the Indian reservation."

"Here's one Indian that would like to go on record as opposing this individual," Watchman said. "I doubt if he can do any good for us, especially with the reputation he has now."

Ehrlichman, sentenced last week to two and one-half to eight years on his Watergate convictions, asked U.S. Judge John Sirica that he be allowed to do "personal penance" by living with and doing legal

work for Indians in New Mexico's northern Pueblos.

Sirica denied the request, but Ehrlichman's lawyer said his client would work for the Indians while his appeal is pending.

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