

WATERGATE FIGURES APPEAL TO JUSTICES

WASHINGTON, April 7 (UPI)

—Four Miamians sentenced in the original Watergate break-in appealed to the Supreme Court today in their fight to withdraw their guilty plea.

They told the Court they came to the affair from the anti-Castro movement in Miami and from a long history of service in the Central Intelligence Agency.

When in the midst of the Senate Watergate hearings they learned of the "true nature and scope" of the affair, their appeal said, "they sought to regain their constitutional rights and place the question of their criminal culpability before a jury."

Judge John Sirica refused to accept their change of plea and sentenced them.

Bernard L. Barker drew a term from 18 months to six years. The three others—Eugene R. Martinez, Frank A. Sturgis and Virgilio R. Gonzalez—were sentenced to from one to four years and have since been paroled.

Mr. Barker has about six months left to serve and is free pending disposition of his appeal.

The petition said the United States Court of Appeals here should, among other things, have insisted on a hearing by Judge Sirica before he could reject their withdrawal plea.