

Supreme Court's Actions

Washington

The U.S. Supreme Court took these other actions yesterday:

Watergate

Refused to consider the appeals of four Cubans who participated in the 1972 Watergate burglary. The four pleaded guilty to conspiracy, burglary and wiretapping but later tried to change their pleas to not guilty.

Lung

Agreed to review a lower-court decision upholding a provision of the Black Lung Benefits Act of 1972 requiring coal-mine operators to finance payment of benefits to black-lung sufferers but overturning other features of the law.

Recordings

Let stand a ruling that records made before 1972 cannot be copied without permission if the musical recording itself is copyrighted. The ruling was applied to recordings made before 1972.