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Judge Dismisses McCord Suit

To Invalidate Nixon Pardon

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey yesterday dismissed a suit by

convicted Watergate conspirator James W. McCord seeking to have the pardon of former President Richard M. Nixon ruled illegal.

McCord had claimed that the pardon of Nixon had harmed him specifically because it would have prejudiced him in any new trial on McCord's Watergate charges. But Judge Richey pointed out that the appellate courts had already upheld that conviction and therefore any new trial was unlikely.

He also said McCord did not have standing as a private citizen to challenge the pardon, and cited court rulings saying the President's pardon authority cannot be reviewed by any court on the mere complaint of a citizen.
