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**Haldeman Appeal
On Watergate
Conviction**

Washington

Lawyers for H.R. Haldeman appealed his Watergate coverup conviction yesterday saying he was tried in an atmosphere "supersaturated with the utter assumption of guilt."

The appeal also accused the trial judge, John J. Sirica, of pretrial maneuvering calculated to help the prosecution.

Haldeman, the White House chief of staff under former President Nixon, was convicted along with three other men of conspiring to cover up the Watergate affair. Haldeman was sentenced to serve 2½ to 8 years in prison.

The appeal filed yesterday with the U.S. Court of Appeals claimed that pretrial publicity made a fair trial impossible.

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