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Haldeman Asks Judges Withdraw

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Five U.S. Court of Appeals judges here attended a party Dec. 3 given by former Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, and yesterday the court took under advisement a motion asking that the five disqualify themselves from hearing H.R. Haldeman's appeal of his Watergate conviction.

Attorneys for Haldeman, the top White House aide to President Nixon, said the judges cast doubt on their impartiality by going to the party.

A six-judge panel of the court is scheduled to hear Haldeman's appeal Jan. 6.

11 DEC Haldeman's attorneys filed the motion Thursday, and the judges withheld any decision yesterday. Jaworski, a Houston, Tex., attorney, gave the party in honor of fellow Houstonian, Joe L. Albritton, the publisher of The Washington Star. It was attended by lawyers, judges and politicians.

In the motion, Haldeman's lawyers said the five panel judges at the party were Chief Judge David L. Bazelon, Carl McGowan, Harold Leventhal, Spottswood W. Robinson III and George E. MacKinnon. The sixth judge on the case, J. Skelly Wright, was invited but did not attend, the motion said.